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Godly PRATERS,

Fit for every Christian to use.

Containing only

*Prayers of Repentance, Remission of
Sins, and Thanksgiving.*

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An Excellent Exhortation to forsake the
World; and a Perfwasion not
to fear **Death**.

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TO THE
Most High and Mighty
PRINCESS ANNE,
Queen of Great-Britain,
France and Ireland.

K Nowing that Zealous Prayer,
and Supplication to God, is the
Soul's effectual Conference with God,
most prevalent for the Remission of
Sins, and the principal Means, to reach
and give from God to us all Graces and
Benefits for our Souls and Bodies in this
Life Temporal, and in the World to
come Eternal ; and because I find no
Prayer-Book composed only of Prayer
and Thanksgiving ; therefore to avoid
the Trouble of Reading many, the
Cumber of keeping many, and most of
all, the Burthen of bearing many, I
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The Epistle Dedicatory.

I have Collected the best Prayers for Repentance, Remission of Sins, and Thanksgiving, and added new of my own; which in most Zealous Humbleness, and Dutiful Obedience, I present unto Your Most Excellent Majesty, beseeching Your Highness to accept this, as the great Monarch *Artaxerxes* did the poor Woman's Handful of Water; wherein I shall account my self most happy, and ever remain, as I am,

Your most Faithful

And obedient Servant,

Nicholas Themylthorpe

To the R E A D E R.

AS I have (gentle Reader) spent my former time in Worldly Matters, so I am desirous to spend these latter Days in Godly and Christian Exercises; and being mov'd to begin with Prayers, as the most principal Exercise, and great Means of Man's Salvation, I read over divers Prayer-Books; but I found none only of Prayer and Thanksgiving, but many other Matters in them. And for that my self, and some of my Friends, are desirous to have one only Book to bear about us, I have therefore set out such an one as serves to that Purpose.

The Children of God have ever from the beginning used Prayer, for the supply of their Corporal and Spiritual Necessities; and have ever graciously obtain'd their Petitions, as well for themselves as others. Hagar by Prayer had Drink for her Son; Anna by Prayer obtain'd a Son; Isaac a Wife; Jacob Defence; Moses, David, Jehoshaphat, Ezekias, Maccabeus, and divers others obtain'd Victory; the Ninevites Deliverance from Destruction: At the Prayer of Joshua the Sun stood still. So the Sun stayed three Hours in the Days of Henry V. till the Earl of Ormond in Ireland with his small Company overcame Omor, Ashur, and others with their terrible Armies. At the Prayer of Alexander, the Caspian Mountains closed and inclosed the Jews; and the Sea Pamphylicon divided it self to him and his Army, at their Passage against Darius. Clenches, first Emperour of the Tartars, conquered all the Kingdoms to Mount Belian; and then a Knight on a white Horse came to him, and bid him Conquer beyond that Mountain. Clenches said, he could pass no farther for the Sea; then the Knight bid him pray to God Almighty; and he would shew him a way. So Clenches prayed in the

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Mountain ; and as he was in his Prayer, he saw the Sea divide it self ; where he and his Army passed through on dry Ground : He then conquered Carhea, and all the bordering Countries. At the Prayer of the Christians and a poor Cobler, a Mountain in Mosul removed from one Place to another, whereby the Christians avoided the cruel Sentence of the unbelieving Caliph. By Prayers Iron bath-sworn, the Dead have risen, and all other Wonders are effected : And of all God's gracious Gifts, it is one of the chiefest. Also God commands us to call upon him, as when he saith, Ask, and you shall have : watch and pray continually : The Lord is nigh to them that call upon him, yea, unto all such as call upon him faithfully. Pray earnestly to God for forgiveness of Sins, with full Purpose of Amendment.

There are four sorts of Men do Pray ; some pray for others and not for themselves ; these are too proud and careless : Some pray for themselves and not for others ; these are too uncharitable : Some neither pray for themselves nor for others ; these are too bad, and unchristian : Some pray for others and themselves ; these are the best and godliest.

In Prayer observe these five Things : First, that you direct your Mind to God. Next, that we are commanded to Pray. Thirdly, the Promise that he will hear us when we Pray. Then, that we must Pray in Faith. Lastly, to believe to obtain the thing we Pray for, Let us always Pray, not with Lip-labour, but with hearty Affection in Spirit, Faith, and Truth : First give Thanks, Then pray for Remission of Sins, Faith, and all Spiritual Things : Lastly, for Corporal Blessings, and things belonging to it. Pray for Things Eternal, Spiritual, Corporal, Things present and to come, for thy Soul and Body, and to be Crowned with Everlasting Glory.

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At thy Up-rising.

I Rise, and enter into this Day, to glorifie God, and walk in my Vocation, in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then Pray thus :

(A Prayer for the Morning.)

O Gracious Lord, and most merciful Father, which hast from the beginning of my Age hitherto deliver'd me from all Perils and Dangers both of Soul and Body, for which I most heartily thank thee; and yet because I feel in my self so many Faults and Imperfections, such Readiness to Evil and Slackness to do good, I quake and tremble for fear of thy Wrath and sharp Judgment. But for that I know thou commandest me by Prayer to crave of

thee all things necessary for Soul and Body, and hast promised graciously to hear my lamentable Suit, and mercifully to grant my needful Request and Petitions; and I know thou canst, and wilt perform them; therefore for Jesus Christ his sake, and in his blessed and holy Name, and for thy Mercy and Truth's sake, I humbly beseech thy Fatherly Goodness to grant me all Things for this Body and transitory Life, as shall be most agreeable to thy godly Will and Pleasure. And I humbly beseech thee, that I may always pray in Charity, use thy gracious Gifts and Benefits in Charity, and lead my whole Life and Conversation in Charity; that I may daily through the Assistance of thy Holy Spirit, mortifie all my carnal Lusts and filthy Affections. Prosper me, and mine in all our honest Affairs: Increase thy good Gifts in me, and confirm and establish me in thy Grace, that I may go forward to all Goodness. And with an humble and contrite Heart, and with a sorrowful and repentant Spirit, I sue unto thee, most merciful Father, beseeching thee for Mercy and Forgiveness of all my Offences, which in this Night past, or at any time heretofore, I have committed against thy good Will and Pleasure, by trespassing against thy Godly Majesty, in Thought, Consent, Word, or Deed.

And

And I most heartily thank thee, for that thou hast preserved me this Night past, and all the Days of my Life hitherto, from all Death, Danger, and other Mischief: And I beseech thee, blessed Father, that thou wilt vouchsafe this Day and ever hereafter, to have a merciful Eye upon me, support and sustain me, bear me up, and save me, that I fall not into Danger, nor break thy Commandments. Give me Grace to walk warily among the Snares of my mortal Enemies, the Devil, the World, and the Flesh: and in all Things to be prudent, and diligent, to consider before what I shall speak, or do, that my whole Thoughts, Words, and Works, may be to thy Honour, Laud, and Glory, to the edifying of my Soul in Vertue, and to the Profit of my Brethren, through the gracious Mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

Another Prayer for the Morning.

O Merciful Lord God, I render most high Laud, Praise, and Thanks unto thee, for that thou hast preserved and kept me both this Night and all the Days and Times of my Life hitherto, under thy most mighty Protection, and hast suffer'd me to live until this present Hour. I most humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt vouchsafe to receive me this Day, and the Residue

of my whole Life, into thy Tuition, ruling and governing me with thy Holy Spirit, that all manner of Darknes, Mis-belief, Infidelity, carnal Lusts and Affections may be utterly chased and driven out of my Heart ; And grant me a right and perfect Faith, that I may be justified and saved both Soul and Body, and let me walk in the light of thy most godly Truth to thy Glory and Praise, to my Comfort and my Neighbour's Furtherance, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Morning.

O Eternal God, and Heavenly Father seeing that by thy great Mercy have quietly passed this Night, grant, beseech thee, that I may bestow this Day and the residue of my Life wholly in thy Service, so that all my Thoughts, Words and Works, may redound to the Glory of thy Holy Name, and good Example of my Brethren. As it hath pleased thee to make the Sun to shine upon the Earth, to give us bodily light, so vouchsafe to illuminate my Understanding with the brightness of thy Holy Spirit, to direct me in the way of Righteousness, so that whatsoever I shall do, my special Care and Purpose may be to walk in thy fear, and to serve and honour thee ; and that I may take nothing

in hand which shall not be agreeable to thy most blessed Will ; and that I may in such sort travel for my Body and the present Life, that I may ever have a regard to the Heavenly Life which thou hast promised to thy Children: And that it may please thee to preserve and defend me both in Body and Soul ; to strengthen me against all Temptations of the Devil ; to keep me from all Sins, and deliver me from all Perils and Dangers whatsoever. And furthermore, I beseech thee, to take me this Day, and the residue of my whole Life, into thy holy Protection, continuing, and increasing in me daily thy Grace and good Gifts. And vouchsafe (most merciful Father) to forget and forgive all my Sins which I have heretofore at any time committed against thee, and for thy infinite Mercies-sake, pardon and forgive the same : For which, and for all things else, which I any ways stand in need of, I make my humble Petition unto thee, in the Name of thy Son my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in such sort as he hath taught me, saying,

Our Father which art, &c.

Another Prayer for the Morning.

Almighty and most gracious God, I heartily thank thee for the sweet Sleep and comfortable Rest which thou hast given

given me this Night past ; and for that thou hast commanded by thy Holy Word, That no Man should be idle, but always occupy'd with godly and vertuous Exercises, every Man according to his Calling, I most humbly beseech thee, that thine Eyes may attend upon me, daily defend me, cherish, comfort, and govern me, and all my Counsels, Studies, and Labours in such wise, that I may spend and bestow this Day and the residue of my whole Life, according to thy most blessed Will and Pleasure ; setting thee always before mine Eyes, living in thy fear ; and working that that may be found acceptable in thy Sight, hating Wrong and loving Justice. Also I beseech thee most Merciful God, to strengthen and keep me in the Faith of thy Catholick Church, and kindle in me the love and light of thy holy Spirit, that I may walk godly and vertuously in this Life, die in the Truth of thy Word, and live with thee in everlasting Glory. Grant this, most merciful God, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

Another Prayer for the Morning.

I Humbly and heartily thank thee, O Heavenly Father, through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, by thy innumerable Benefits hitherto poured upon my Soul and Body, that thou hast kept me this Night past,

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past, and all the Days and time of my Life hitherto, from all Evils, Spiritual, and Corporal. Wherefore I beseech thee, to be merciful unto me, to give me Grace to repent and amend my sinful Life; that I may live henceforth, not as I will, but as thou wilt. And as of thy Goodness thou hast given me time to repent and live godlily, so of the same thy Goodness in Christ Jesus, I humbly beseech thee, to give me thy gracious Gift of true, holy, perfect and perpetual Repentance; that I may more and more lament my former sinful Life, trusting faithfully in thy rich Mercies, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, for the pardon of all my Sins: And that I may unfeignedly purpose, and effectually labour to amend my Life: And that all my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds, may be to the praise of thy holy Name, and good Example of others. And for as much as thou knowest my Ignorance, Wickedness, and unableness to carry any Cross or Affliction; I beseech thee, sweet Father, to govern me, and order all things towards me, that I be never further afflicted, proved or tempted, than thou wilt make me able to bear: and so assist and help me in the same, as may be to thy Glory and my Salvation, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer.

A Prayer in the Morning by a Sinner, acknowledging his Sins, and asking forgiveness for the same:

ALmighty, merciful, and most loving Father, whose Love is infinite, whose Mercy endureth for ever, I sinful Creature, trusting in thy unspeakable Goodness and Love towards me, do appear this Morning before thy Divine Majesty, most humbly confessing my great and manifold Sins and Offences that I have committed against thee, and the innumerable Transgressions of thy most Godly Commandments and Fatherly Will. Against thee, O Father, against thee only have I sinned. I acknowledge my Offences, I accuse my self, O Lord, I cannot hide my Unrighteousness from thee. I find in my self nothing but Disobedience, doubtfulness of thy Goodness, Incredulity, hatred of spiritual Things, confidence in my self, and fervent lusting after carnal Things: Therefore I humbly beseech thy Fatherly Goodness, for thy Son Christ his sake (whom thou hast sent for a Purchaser of Mercy for me through Faith in his Blood) take away my hard Heart, make me a clean Heart, and give me a true and lively Faith. Have Mercy upon me, O Lord my Saviour; forgive me my Sins, O Lord, forgive me my Sins.

Sins, for thy Son's sake ; O God, and merciful Lord, certify my Conscience of the Remission and Forgiveness of my Sins by thy Holy Spirit ; by whose Operation mortify in me the old Man and Body of Sin, that I may die unto sin, and walk in newness of Life, to the glory of thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Evening.

I Thank thee, O heavenly Father, by thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, that of thy free Mercy thou hast preserved me this Day from all Hurts and Dangers : Vouchsafe also, I most humbly beseech thee, to keep me this Night, and ever hereafter to save me from all my Enemies, both bodily and ghostly : Give my Body quietness and sleep, but let my Mind and Soul continually watch unto thee, think on thee, and thy holy Law, that when the chearful Light of the Day shall appear, I being whole in Body, and Soul, may joyfully rise again, and be thankful unto thee, and diligently walk in my Vocation, to my Comfort, and to the Glory of thy blessed Name, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for the Evening.

O Most gracious Lord, and merciful Father, I thy most unworthy Child and sinful Creature, with humble Heart, prostrate my self before thy Divine Majesty, most humbly beseeching thee for Mercy and forgiveness of my Sins and Iniquities, that I have this Day or any time since I was born committed against thee. I am heartily sorry that I have many ways transgressed against thee, and do ask Mercy and Forgiveness for the same. And with my whole Heart I heartily thank thee, that of thy great Goodness, Mercy, and Grace, thou hast hitherto safely preserv'd me. And I beseech thee, most merciful Father to be no more angry with me, nor forsake me; but continually assist, comfort, and strengthen me, against all the Assaults of the Devil, and be my Succour and Defence this Night, and unto my Life's end; that I never offend thy Divine Majesty, or commit any Sins or Iniquity: And vouchsafe of thy abundant Bountifulness, to refresh my weak Body with convenient Rest, that I may to Morrow with all Diligence, the more readily serve thee, in that Estate wherein thou hast set me that all my Actions may so please thee, and by thy assistance be so govern'd, that after this vain and transitory Life, I may attain to Life everlasting thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.* A

A Prayer for the Evening, and Forgiveness of Sins.

I Yield thee most humble and hearty Thanks (O heavenly Father) for all thy Graces and Benefits, that I have at all times heretofore received at thy bountiful Hands, from the beginning of my Life to this present hour; and for the great Benefit of my Election before the foundation of the World; for my Creation, Redemption, Justification, and Sanctification in Christ Jesus; for sparing me so long, and giving me so large a time of Repentance; delivering me from all Perils bodily, and ghostly; for drawing me out of Darkness, and bringing me to the light of thy Word; for defending me from all Dangers past, and protecting me until this present hour. And I most humbly beseech thee, of thy Goodness, O Lord, that it may please thee to take care and charge of me this Night, and all the days and times of my Life hereafter; not to suffer me to sleep and slumber in Sin and Ungodliness, but that I may be always watchful and careful for the coming of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that whensoever he shall come, he may find me prepared to receive him, and that I may hear, and enjoy that comfortable Sentence, *Come ye blessed Children of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you:* To the which, Lord,

Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech thee to bring me, who hast so dearly bought me; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all Honour, Power, Praise, Glory, and Dominion, both now and for evermore
Amen.

Another Prayer for the Evening.

Most merciful God, and tender Father who besides thy most inestimable Mercies, given and bestow'd upon me, in making me, in redeeming me by the Death of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, in calling me to the knowledge of thy blessed Word in keeping me in thy Holy Church, and in thy most gracious governing me, and all things hitherto, for my Wealth and Commodity, which hast also most fatherly care for me, and hitherto kept me from all Dangers both of Soul and Body, giving me Health, Food, Apparel, and all other things necessary for the Comfort and Succour of this poor and miserable Life, which many others want: For these, and all other thy good Gifts, and gracious Benefits, which of thy only Goodness, and Fatherly Providence, thou hitherto hast, and now dost pour upon me, I most humbly thank thee and praise thy Holy Name, beseeching thee to forgive, hide, and bury all my Sins, which at any time heretofore I have committed against thy Holy Commandments. *Amen.*

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beseech thee to grant me the guard of thy
 good Angels, to keep me this Night, and
 evermore : And grant, good Father, that
 when I shall sleep in Death, my Body may
 rest temporally, and my Soul may live with
 thee eternally, to thy Glory and my Joy,
 thro' Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Evening.

O Eternal God, and most Merciful Fa-
 ther, who this Day and all the time
 of my Life hitherto, hast graciously defend-
 ed, nourished, and preserved my Soul and
 Body ; and of thy loving Kindness, hast
 most Fatherly provided for me a poor Sin-
 ner, not only in giving me a right Porti-
 on of thy Creatures, but also in that plen-
 tiful Redemption, which thy most dear Son
 Jesus Christ hath purchased for me : Grant
 unto me, O most Merciful Father the Assist-
 ance of thy Grace & holy Spirit, that though
 my Body take the natural Rest, yet my Soul
 and Mind may behold thy Goodness toward
 me, be joyful in thee, and receive such in-
 ward Pleasure and heavenly Sweetness in
 thy Love ; that whatsoever I shall hence-
 forth think, speak, or do, it may be all to
 the Honour of thy Holy Name. And let
 thy mighty Hand, and out-stretch'd Arm,
 O Lord, be still my defence ; thy Mercy
 and Loving-kindness in Jesus Christ thy
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dear Son, my Salvation; thy True and Holy Word, my Instruction; thy Grace and Holy Spirit, my Comfort and Consolation unto the end, and in the end, through Jesus Christ my Lord and only Saviour. *Amen*

When you go to Bed, say,

I Lay me down to rest, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Then say thus :

O Merciful Lord God, and heavenly Father, whether I sleep or wake, or live, or die, I am always thine: wherefore I humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt vouchsafe to take charge of me this Night and at all times hereafter, and not suffer me to perish in the Works of Darknes; but to kindle the light of thy Spirit in my Heart that thy godly knowledge may daily increase in me, through a right and pure Faith; and that I may always walk and live after thy good Will and Pleasure, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen*

A Prayer before we settle our Selves to our Devotion.

O Most gracious God, give me leave to present my self before thy Divine Majesty, to pour out my unworthy Prayer unto thee, in the multitude of thy Mercies.

O Lord, I come to make manifest my Necessities.

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effities (as a poor and needy Wretch) un-
to a God of infinite Glory. I come as a
Worm to my Sovereign Maker I come as a
venious Offender to a just and severe Judge.
Thou, O God, promisest, that whosoever
seeketh shall receive ; who so seeketh shall
and ; grant me therefore Grace to pray un-
to thee, as my Duty, and thy Desert requi-
eth : Grant me a pure Intention, a fervent
Devotion, that with humble Heart, firm
Hope, and perfect Charity, I may effectually
pray unto thee, and ask of thee, that
which thou seeest most for thy Glory and
my Good. O merciful Lord, help me to
pray worthily, that thou may'st graciously
grant my Petitions : Defend my weak heart
from ghostly Assaults, and so fix my Mind
upon thee, that I be not carried away from
the Consideration of thy Presence : Grant
me attentively to apply my Thoughts, and
to be wholly ravished and possessed with
heal and true Devotion. Grant me to ask
forgiveness with deep Contrition, and full
purpose of Amendment. Afford, O Lord,
such Comforts to my Soul, as thou seeest fit
for me ; and by the Assistance of thy Spi-
rit, inspire thy good Motions into me, that
I may feel them forcibly, accept them
thankfully, and fulfil them effectually ; and
that I may devoutly pray unto thee, with
true Repentance, and for ever dutifully
serve

ſerve thee, through Jeſus Chriſt my Sav-
our. *Amen.*

A General Confefſion of Sins.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father
I confeſs and acknowledge, that I am
a miſerable and a wretched Sinner, and
have many ways moſt grievouſly tranſgreſ-
ſed thy moſt Godly Commandments
through wicked Thoughts, ungodly Luſts,
ſinful Words and Deeds in my whole Life.
In ſin was I born and conceived, and there
is no Goodneſs in me; that without thy
Mercy I ſhould periſh for ever; ſo little
Help, Comfort, Succour is there either
in me, or in any other Creature; only thou
art my Comfort; (O Heavenly Father), that
thou didſt give thy dearly beloved Son
the moſt vile, bitter, and ſlanderoſus Death
of the Croſs for me, that ſo he might pay
the Ransom for my Sins, ſatiſfie thy Judge-
ment, ſtill and pacifie thy Wrath, recon-
cile me again to thee, and ſo purchaſe me
thy Grace, Favour, and Everlaſting-life.
Wherefore through the Merit of his moſt
bitter Death and Paſſion, and through
his innocent Blood-ſhedding, I beſeech
thee, O Heavenly Father, that thou wilt
vouchſafe to be gracious and merciful unto
me, to forgive and pardon me all my Sins.

enlighten my Heart with thy Holy Spirit, to renew, confirm, and strengthen me with a right and perfect Faith, and to inflame me with Love towards Thee, and my Neighbour ; that I may henceforth talk as it becometh me, in thy most Godly Commandments, and so glorifie and praise thee everlastingly. Grant me further, O Father, that I may have a quiet Heart and Conscience : And that I may in Temptations, Afflictions, Necessities, and in the very Pangs of Death, trust faithfully in thee, and in thy Mercies. And for that thou hast commanded me to pray unto thee, I humbly beseech thee for Things needful for me, and pray unto thee, as thy Son himself hath taught me, saying,

Our Father, &c.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Remission of Sins, Necessities of this Life, and Life Everlasting.

O God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thou God of all Pity and all Mercy, be merciful to me a wretched Sinner, and forgive me (I most humbly beseech thee) my Sins and Offences that I have committed against thee ; Blot out all my

my Misdeeds, renew a right Heart, and create, O God, a new Spirit within me. I thank thee, O Heavenly Father, for thy Blessings and Benefits which thou hast bestowed upon me ; continue, multiply, and increase thy good Blessings upon me. Stretch out thy Hands of Bountie over me, and with thy Eyes of Mercy look upon me. Send me, O Lord, a sufficient Living ; make me beneficial to all and not chargeable unto any : Bless me, O good Lord, and give me Grace to live gently and vertuously, and reign with thee everlastingly. Deliver me from all Troubles, Discontents and worldly Calamities. Take me, O Lord, into thy own Tuition : Bless me, prosper and protect all my Proceedings. Let whatsoever I take in hand be good, and let that come to a happy and successful end. Let me have a care not to do any thing that should offend thee : let my whole desire be to do those things that may please thee. Send, O Lord, an Angel from Heaven to govern me, and deliver me (as he did thy Servant Tobiah) from all Dangers. Send, O Lord, thy Grace from Heaven to guide me, and thy Wisdom from the highest Heavens to teach and direct me. Let me not any more fall into sin through Frailty ; but so bless me with thy Blessings, that I may never offend thee ;

t, and that I may early and late, Night and Day,
in morning and at all times and seasons, give praise and
for thanks to thy heavenly Majesty; that I may
thou live in this World to thy Glory, and my
multitude Comfort, and reign with thee in everlasting
s upon Glory in the World to come. Hear, O
Bountiful Lord, these my Prayers, and for thy most
Mercies sake, and my sweet Saviour
Jesus Christ his sake, grant my Petitions. To
thee, O God, the Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost, be all Honour, Dominion, Power,
and Glory, both now and for ever, world
without end.

*Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins, with a Con-
fession of his Faith.*

O Lord God Almighty, and Father of my
Saviour Jesus Christ, I most earnestly
beseech thee, for thy Fatherly Goodness
and Mercy, to pardon and forgive me all
my Sins and Offences; and through thy
bountiful Goodness and Mercy, deliver me
from all those Sins and Offences, which by
my Frailty, or any way else, I ever com-
mitted against thee: For, I confess and
acknowledge, that I am a miserable and
wretched Sinner, and have many ways most
 grievously transgressed thy most Godly Will
and Commandments through wicked
thoughts, ungodly Lusts, sinful Words and
deeds in my whole Life. In Sin was I born

and conceiv'd, and there is no Goodneſſe in me. Therefore through the Merits of the bitter Death and Paſſion of thy beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour, and through his innocent Blood-ſhedding, I beſeech thee, O heavenly Father, that thou wilt vouchſafe to be gracious and merciful unto me, to forgive and pardon me all my Sins and Offences; to enlighten my Heart with thy Holy Spirit; to renew, confirm and ſtrengthen me with a right and perfect Faith. Inflame in me love toward thee, and my Neighbour, that I may walk with a glad Heart in thy Commandments, and glorifie and praiſe thee everlaſtingly; and that I may with a clear Conſcience, and quiet and chearful Heart in all Temptations, Afflictions, or Neceſſities, cry unto thee earneſtly and ſay,

Lord have Mercy upon me a Sinner, &c.

A Godly Prayer for the Forgiveneſſe of Sin, and all Things needful for Soul and Body.

OMnipotent, eternal and everliving God which haſt made Heaven and Earth the Sea and all things contained in them thou only Maker of all things, Preſerver and Helper of them; with thy Son my Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Holy Ghoſt: O moſt Wiſe, Merciful, Good, Strong, and Righteous Judge, which haſt ſaid, thou wilt not the Death of a Sinner, but that he

be converted, and live: I thy poor Crea-
 ture and the Work of thy Hands, do ac-
 knowledge and confess my manifold Sins
 and Offences, which from my Youth until
 this time, in thought, word, and deed, I
 have most grievously committed against
 thee; and am most heartily sorry for the
 same, desiring thee, for Jesus Christ his
 Holy sake, to have mercy upon me, and accor-
 ding to thy great Mercy, forgive me all my
 offences. O Lord, I confess and acknow-
 ledge, that I was born in Sin, and conceived
 in Wickedness, and in my Flesh dwelleth
 nothing that is Good, and of my Self I am
 not able to think a good Thought, much less
 to wish, and least of all to do as I ought:
 therefore, O Lord, I call to thee for Grace,
 who hast promised to hear them that call
 upon thee: Assist, O God, and guide me
 with thy Holy Spirit; draw me unto thee,
 O Lord, poor in Spirit, vile and
 low in my own sight, give me thy Grace,
 that whensoever I shall be drawn into any
 Sin and Wickedness, either in thought,
 word, or deed, I may feel my own Infir-
 mity and Weakness, and that I may with
 speedy Repentance turn unto thee. Take
 from me my stony, blind, unbelieving,
 doubtful, unfaithful, and unthankful Heart;
 my carnal, idle, secure, and impenitent
 heart, and give me a Heart to fear thee,

love thee, and trust in thee. Write thy Law in my Heart and Mind. Let me believe trust, and live in thee for ever; Deliver me from the spirit of Pride, Vain-glory, haughtiness of Mind, Presumption, Self-love, and Trust in my self. Take from me, O Lord, the wicked spirit of Suspicion, Envy, Jealousie, Grudging, Whispering, or Back-biting. Keep me from Wrath, Malice, Hatred, Lying, evil Words, Contention, Flattering, Dissimulation, Hypocrisie, Blaspheming, vain Swearing, Lightness, idle Words, and all Unstableness of Heart. Deliver me, O Lord, from all Filthiness both of the Flesh and Spirit; from unclean Thoughts, unlawful Desires, evil Concupiscence, and Lusts of the Body. Take from me Covetousness, and Care of Riches, all Deceit and Guile, all Idleness and Sloth; and give me not over to an unshamefaced and obstinate Mind. Make me able to bear Wrongs with Patience, and not recompence evil for evil. Make me loth to give occasions of evil to any; and if I do, make me willing to confess my Fault, and amend it. Take from me, O Lord, a careful Heart of worldly Things, and grant, that neither Poverty oppress me, nor Riches lift me up to forget thee. But in Prosperity make me thankful, and patient, and humble in Adversity. Lord make

make me merry without Lightness ; sad without Mistrust ; sober without Dulness ; true without Doubtfulness ; fearing thee without Desperation ; trusting in thee without Presumption. Give me, O Lord, the Spirit of Humbleness, Meekness, Simplicity, Gentleness, Goodness, Faithfulness and Truth. Grant me, O God, the Bowels of Mercy and Loving-kindness to my Brother ; Long-suffering, and Patience to bear all things well that thou shalt lay upon me. Regenerate my Heart with the Spirit of Grace continually, and grant me an inward feeling of thy Favour and Mercy towards me, in Jesus Christ my Lord ; that I may know thee to be my God, and Father, and me thy Child for ever. O Lord, increase my Faith in thee, and in Jesus Christ my Redeemer ; confirm my Hope in thy Promise ; make perfect my love towards thee, give me a true and unfeigned love to all Vertue and Godliness ; increase in me, O Lord, Strength and Victory against all Temptations and Assaults of the Devil, the Flesh, the World, and the Vanities thereof ; give me Grace to keep a good Conscience ; give me a pure Heart and Mind, and renew the right Spirit within me ; give me the true understanding of thy Holy Word, that I never swerve from the Truth thereof, and that my chief Felicity may be in the same,

and in hearing, reading, talking, watching, praying, fasting, mortifying, and subduing my own Will and Members. O gracious Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, which was crucified and raised again, for me and all others; who sittest on the Right-hand of the Father, and art appointed the only Mediator for me unto God, have mercy upon me. Pray to thy Heavenly Father for me: Sanctifie me with thy Holy Ghost, as thou hast promised, and send the Spirit of Truth to abide with me for ever. ~~Kindle~~ ^{Kindle} my Mind and Heart with thy Holy Spirit, that I may truly believe in thee, acknowledge and call upon thee, give Thanks unto thee, and obey thee: For I feel myself so charged with Sin and Infirmities, that I know not what to do, but offer up myself wholly unto thy Mercy, to be reformed according to thy good Will and Pleasure. O eternal, most mighty, and everlasting God, govern and keep me, enlighten me always with the Gospel: Rule and confirm my Heart with the Holy Spirit, and govern my Study; pour on me thy Spirit of Grace and Prayer; make me, Lord, happy, and diligent in the works of my Vocation: Take into thy Custody for ever, O sweet Saviour, my Soul, Body, Life, and all that ever I have: Be gracious unto me, O Father, succour and help me in all Necessities; grant

me

me all thy Blessings, and thy Holy Spirit,
 to sanctifie and dwell in me for ever. And
 O Lord, have mercy upon me, graft, plant,
 and sow in my Heart all Vertues; and give
 me grace to use them; and all other thy
 gracious Gifts, as may be most to thy Glory
 and Praise, to my Consolation and Com-
 fort, and to the profit of thy Church. Hear,
 O Lord, my Prayer, and forgive me all my
 Sins and Wickedness that I have committed,
 and give me Grace truly to repent of the
 same. Grant unto me, O Lord, the true
 Contrition of Heart, that I may vehemently
 despise my sinful Life past, and wholly be
 converted unto thee. I have sinned, O
 Lord, I confess it, and I cannot deny it;
 but, O my God, pardon my Trespases, re-
 lease my Debts, and forgive me all my Sins:
 stop my Wounds, for I am plagued and
 beaten with Sins, and grant me Grace with
 Patience to attend thy Divine Majesty. In-
 crease in me, I humbly beseech thee, O most
 gracious God, the Gift of Faith; that I may
 truly believe in thee, and thy Promise made
 unto me. Grant this, O Father, for thy dear
 Son Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.
*A Prayer, wherein the Sinner, accuses himself for fal-
 ling into Sin, and asketh Forgiveness for the same.*

Dear, tender, and most merciful Father,
 God Almighty, Great and Dreadful,
 which art merciful to whom it pleaseth thee,

for thou art the Father of Mercy, and God of all Grace, Peace and Comfort, who willest not the Death of a Sinner ; I therefore earnestly desire thee, O Lord, to have mercy upon me ; have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to thy great Mercy, and according to the Multitude of thy Mercies, put away my Sins and Offences : Wash me, O God, from my Wickedness, and make me clean from my Unrighteousness. I acknowledge my Sins, and do accuse my self of my evil Deeds. I confess my Wickedness, and rebelling against thy Precepts. I have been a froward Child, and have offended and provoked thee, with all my Vanities and Sins, and have not exercised my self in thy Laws : I have turned back from thy ways, and have done wickedly before thee. I have walked after my own Thoughts and Phantasies, and not as thou wouldst, but have run from sin to sin, following the Desires of my Heart. I have displeas'd thee by my Inventions, and none of my Sins are hidden from thee. I am not worthy to be called thy Son, woe is me that I have gone from thee : Great is my Grief, that I have Life in Sins : Woe is me, that I have forsaken thee, and lived after my own Mind : But, O Lord, forgive me all my Sins, do not forget me, nor keep thy Mercy longer from me. Hear me now, O Lord, graciously,

Godly, calling upon thee, and be merciful
unto me ; be no longer angry with me, nor
cast away a contrite and a penitent Sinner.
Turn thee again, O Lord God, and forgive
me all my Sins and Offences. Hide not thy
face from my Prayers ; but according to
thy Promises, take me into thy Favour, for
I am one of those, O Father, whom thy
Son hath Redeemed with his most precious
blood. And therefore of thee, O Lord, I
ask Mercy, beseeching thee to forgive me
all my Sins, and to have mercy upon me,
for thy dear Son Jesus Christ his sake, my
only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving, and for Remission
of Sins.*

GRant, O Lord, of thine unspeakable
Mercy, that I may worthily praise and
honour thee ; that my Mouth may speak,
my Heart study, and my Tongue sing thy
laud and Praise. Hear the Sacrifice of my
lips, and make it acceptable in thy sight.
My Soul praise thou the Lord, and all that
is within me laud his Holy Name. I will
praise thee, O God, and magnifie thy
Name for ever and ever : For thou art
Good to all, and thy Mercy exceedeth all
thy Works : Therefore my Mouth shall give
thee Thanks, and extol thy Holy Name.
O praise the Lord thy God, thy Maker,
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thy Redeemer, Nouriſher, Defender, Strength, Joy, Victory, and Eternal Glory. I honour thee, I glorifie thee, I worſhip thee, I laud and praiſe thee, for that it pleaſed thee to make me a reaſonable Man, and to give me Wiſdom, Underſtanding, and many other Bleſſings, Spiritual and Corporal. Thou haſt viſited my Heart with many Graces, and holy Motions, thou haſt delivered me from many Perils both of Soul and Body, and kept and preſerved me from many Sins, wherein I might have fallen. For thoſe and all other thy good Bleſſings, moſt abundantly beſtowed upon me, I a wretched Sinner, with all my Heart moſt humbly laud, praiſe and honour thee. O moſt Merciful God : I adore and give thee Thanks for thy unmeaſurable Clemency and infinite Goodneſs; whereby thou doſt moſt mercifully ſuffer me to live, pardon me, and beſtoweſt thy Benefits upon me. Let thy Pity mollifie my Hardneſs, thy burning Charity melt my frozen Heart, that I may be changed from a Veſſel of Wrath, into a Veſſel of Mercy; and ſo being freed from my Sins, I may be more fervent in loving thee. Thou art Good, and I Evil; thou Holy, I Wretched; thou Juſt, I Unjuſt; thou Light, I Blind; thou Life, I Death; thou Joy, I Heavineſs; thou Sovereign Verity, I nothing but Vanity.

Vanity. O Lord sanctifie me, help me,
and save me, wash me, and make me clean,
suffer me not to be separated from thee; but
from the malignant Enemy for ever here-
after defend me; that I may come and
sing to thee Praises eternally. Grant me
Grace to come after thee, to imitate thee;
that the fervour of my future Devotion may
recompence in me the Follies of my former
Conversation, and make me pure, and holy;
that I may earnestly seek thee, who art the
Mountain of Eternal Life. Expel out of
me whatsoever is evil or amiss, or whatso-
ever displeaseth thee, and deliver me, I
most humbly beseech thee, from all Sins,
Iniquities, Troubles and Evils, wherewith
I am incumbred: Dispose all my Thoughts,
Words, and Works, as may be agreeable to
thy most holy Will and Pleasure: Keep me
every, and every where, from all Sins, Wick-
edness, and Offences: Deliver me in this
Life from all Evils, Troubles, and Dan-
gers: After this Life bring me to the most
sweet, pleasant and delightful Joys of the
Life-everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer

*A Prayer for a Sinner in Trouble ; thinking long
for Help, who trusting in God's Mercies, de-
sireth Help.*

EVEN unto the Throne of thy highest
Power, I acknowledge, O Lord, that
I am a miserable Sinner, beseeching thee
O Lord God Almighty, of thy Goodness
to do with me according to thy great Mercy.
O Lord, I am abashed and ashamed to lift up
my Eyes unto thee ; for my Sins are ascen-
ded up into thy sight. Against thee, O Fa-
ther, against thee, have I sinned and done
evil before thee ; thou seest my Iniquity is
great ; I have been an Offender against
thee, even from my Cradle, and since I
sucked my Mother's Breasts, I have not
ceased to do evil. I was begotten in Sin
and brought into the World in Iniquity.
I cannot shake off my Sins and Offences, but
they carry still with me the Infamy of my Youth.
Behold, O Lord, I am sold under Sin, and
in my self I find not that which is good : for
the good I would do, I do not ; but the
evil I would not do, I do. All the Thoughts
and Imaginations of my Heart have been
evil ever since I was young. Let me not
die in my Sins, O Lord God : for thou
wilt not the Death of a Sinner ; but that
he repent, and live. Thou art Good and
Merciful, and according to thy great Mercy

Save me, thy unworthy Servant : Thou hast shewed thy Mercy on Thousands, so have mercy upon me ; O Lord God Omnipotent, have mercy upon me a miserable Creature. My Soul is troubled, therefore, O Lord, heal me, look upon me, and deliver me. How long wilt thou reject my Prayers ? How long wilt thou turn thy Face away from me ? Thy Hand is not weakned, O Lord, but it may help ; and thy Ears are not stopped, therefore, O Lord, hear me. How long, O God, shall my Mind be troubled, with painful and heavy Thoughts ? How long shall Sorrow torment my Soul ? How long shall my Enemies triumph over me ? Look towards me, O God, hear my Prayers, give Light unto my Eyes, and let me not sleep in Death, nor let my Sins prevail against me. Turn again, O Lord, turn again, deliver my Soul, and save me for thy Mercies sake. O Lord rebuke me not in thine Anger, nor punish me in thy great Displeasure : Cast not thy Darts at me ; nor lay thy heavy Hand upon me ; let me no longer bear thy Anger, nor drink of the Cup of thy Displeasure. I have no Health for fear of my Offences : I have no Rest nor Peace when I behold my Sins : my Iniquities are gone over my Head, and like a heavy Burthen they daily press me down. Thou, O Lord, knowest my Desires,

fires, and seest my Necessity. Forgive me all my Sins, O Lord God Almighty; for thy own sake, and for thy Son's sake, put out of thy sight my heinous Offences; for thou hast promised forgiveness of Sins, to them that repent of the same. Have mercy upon me, O good Father, have mercy upon me, and for thy glorious Name be no longer angry with me; but forgive me all my Sins, and take me a penitent Sinner to thy Mercy, for the love of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent to obtain Mercy for my Sins, through Faith in his Blood, who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Sinner, rejoycing for the Benefits received at God's Hand, and asking still his Help and Forgiveness of his Sins.

I Do rejoyce in thee, O Lord, which took upon thee in thy Body, my Infirmities, and so bearest my Pains: thou wast made weak for my Sins, and wounded for my Offences, and by thy Strokes were my Wounds healed. I went astray like a lost Sheep, and followed my own ways: Thou, O Lord, through thy Love and Mercy, hast redeem'd me that was lost; and by thy Blood shed on the Cross, hast paid my Ransome: thou didst die for my Offences, and by thy precious Blood hast taken away my Sins.

Sins. Turn the Eyes of Mercy, O Lord God, and look upon me the Work of thy Hands, and heal the Infirmities of me thy weak Creature : Keep me from all evil ways, and teach me by thy Holy Spirit to choose the way of Truth. I beseech thee, O King of Holiness) by my Redeemer Christ, keep me in the right way, and unite me unto him in Spirit : make me to go perfectly in thy Paths, and to hate all wicked Ways : wash my Heart from Malice, and cleanse me from my secret Sins ; cleanse me, O holy Father, with the Blood of thy well-beloved Son, from all my Sins, and deliver me from all my Iniquities. Purifie my Heart by thy holy Spirit, from all filthiness of Sin, and evil Concupiscence. O God Almighty, be merciful unto me a Sinner, and, for thy glorious Name's sake, remember my Sins no longer : make me, O God, to return from my evil Ways, and wicked Thoughts : Remember not the Sins and Offences of my Youth ; but, according to thy Mercy, be mindful of me, for thy Goodness sake. O Lord, my Hope is in thee, my Soul trusteth in thee, my Soul looketh for thee, thou art merciful, and with thee is plenteous Redemption : Therefore have mercy upon me, according to the Multitudes of thy Mercies, for thou art full of Pity and Mercy : Turn not therefore thy Face

Face from me, have Mercy upon me, O Lord God, my Saviour, pardon and forgive me my Sins for thy Name's sake. O righteous Father, look not upon the multitude of my Sins, but look on the Face of thy Son Jesus, which bare my Sins in his Body on the Cross; turn thy Face therefore away from my Sins, and put out all my Iniquities, and make me a clean Heart within me : Cast me not away from thy Presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me ; but help and comfort me, establish me with thy mighty Spirit : Mollifie my Heart, that I may walk in thy ways, and not in the ways of Error ; help me and forsake me not, O Lord my God, for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer wherein a Sinner asketh Forgiveness of his Sins, and desireth the true Armour, to be defended against the Enemies of his Soul, and confesseth God to be his Saviour.

EVerlasting God, and most Merciful Father, I most humbly beseech thee, for thy Son Christ his sake, hear my Prayers, and forgive me all my Sins, and from henceforth give me thy holy Angel, to conduct and strengthen me with thy Vertue, to understand the evil Device of the World, and the Appetites of the sinful Flesh. Arm me with thy Armour, the Grace of thy holy Spirit.

spirit, and mighty Vertue. Write in my
Heart thy Holy Word, Laws and Com-
mandments. Put upon me the Breast-plate
of Righteousness: direct my Life and Con-
versation according to the Gospel of Peace:
Give unto me the shield of Faith, to fight
against Sin and Desperation; the Helme
of Health unto my Salvation, through the
Merits of thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus
Christ, for whose sake, I poor Sinner,
most humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt
ouchsafe to pour upon me thy holy Spirit,
to work in my Heart, Mind and Soul, that
I may always do thy Will and Pleasure, and
walk in this World to thy Honour. Thou,
O Lord, hast made me, and given thy Son
to die for my Sins; O Father, for his sake,
have mercy upon me. O Lord Jesus, who
hast bought me with thy most precious
blood, receive me, and have mercy upon
me, and be my merciful Mediator to thy
Father, that my Soul may be saved. O
Holy Ghost, co-equal with the Father, and
the Son, have mercy upon me. O Lord
God, most loving and merciful Father, I
acknowledge my self unto thee, a wretched
sinner, yea, such a Sinner as hath need of
Grace, Mercy and Favour, for in thy sight
there is no Man righteous. Thou, O Christ,
art the Blessing of God, by whom all the
Nations of the World are blessed and made
rich.

rich. Thou delivered'st me, and thy People from Hell and Damnation. Thou art Shield unto me, and unto all them that trust in thee. Thou forgivest all them that trust in thee. Thou forgivest all Trespases, and healest all Infirmities. Thou defendest me and thy People, and bledest us. Thou, O Christ, art my Saving-health and Sanctifier with thee is Mercy and plenteous Redemption; yea, thou art the true God and Saviour: All Souls are thine; thou redeemed me, I have no other Saviour but thee: I will turn unto thee, O Lord, turn unto me. I will ask Mercy of the Father in thy Name and I trust I shall receive it, that my Joy may be perfect. I believe in thee, therefore I shall be saved. Thou art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; without thee, none can come to the Father. Thou came'st into the World to save me, and all that was lost therefore I believe in thee, and hope in thee that thou wilt raise me up to Everlasting Life. I believe that thou wilt save me, have mercy on me therefore, and forgive me my Sins, O Lord, thou who livest and reignest now, and for ever, World without end. Amen.

*Sinner desireth Forgiveness of his Sin, and a
right and true Faith.*

O Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth,
I confess my self from the very bottom
my Heart, That I am a miserable, wretch-
and abominable Sinner, I and have
recklessly transgressed thy godly Command-
ments. The Sins, alas ! that I have com-
mitted, are as innumerable as the Sands of
the Sea-shore, they beare me down as an in-
supportable Burden. In these Sins, O Lord,
I have walked unto this Day, accord-
ing to the Desires of the World, and the
Lusts of the Flesh : but whatsoever, on
thine behalf, hath offended thy most Godly
Majesty, now fore repenteth me, and the
guilt grieveth me to the very bottom of my
heart. Save me therefore, O Lord, for
thy great Mercies sake : For unto thee, O
God of my Comfort, I wretched Sinner do
come, craving of thee thy Mercy, incline
thine Ears unto my Calling, O Lord, and
consider the Request of my Heart. And
grant unto me, O Lord, thy Servant, the
strength of thy holy Spirit, to subdue the
body of Sin, with the Lusts thereof, that I
may be obedient both in Will and Mind,
unto thy Laws : for no Man can help me,
but thou, O Lord, who hast brought my
soul out of Hell, and hast holden me from
falling

falling into Deſtruction. Put away from me, O Lord, that which is Evil, for thou art Holy ; and ſave thy Servant, which ever truſteth in thee. I will acknowledge thee, thou haſt have all my Strength of thee ; for thou art my Hope, my Portion, my God, and my Saviour. Have Mercy therefore upon me, O Lord, and according to thy great Mercy, do away my Offences ; look on me with the Eyes of Mercy, ſprinkle me with the ſweet Hyſop of Grace, cleanſe me from my Sin ; waſh me, and I ſhall be whiter than Snow ; quench the deſire of Sin in me, open my Lips, that my Mouth may ſhew forth the praife of thy holy Name. O Chriſt Son of God, have mercy upon me. O holy Ghoſt, give me a new Heart, and a right Spirit to laud and praife thee. Turn me wholly unto thee, O Lord, and take my Sins away from me. O Lamb of God hear me, and I ſhall be whole ; ſave me, and I ſhall be ſaved. For thou, O Chriſt, art my Hope, thou haſt taken upon thee my Diſeaſes, and waſt wounded for my Offences, and wilt, I truſt, pardon all my Sins. There is no Salvation but in thee, nor any other Name wherein I muſt be ſaved, but thine O Chriſt. Through thee I have Redemption and Remiſſion of Sins : thou haſt made Satisfaction for me : thou diedſt for me, and for my Sins ; and waſt buried, and roſe again

ain, and ascended up into Heaven, and
 est at the Right-hand of God, in the
 ory of the Father. Thou art my Ad-
 cate, and obtainest mercy for my Sins :
 ou art Holy, which wast, and art to
 me. I believe that thou shalt come to be
 y Judge : Therefore, I beseech thee, O
 ord, let not my Sins lose me, whom thou
 st bought with thy precious Blood ; but
 ve Mercy upon me, O Lord God, Holy
 host, have mercy upon me, and work
 y Divine Grace in me, that I may be sa-
 d through my Lord Jesus Christ. Save
 e, O Lord, for I believe that I shall see
 e Pleasures of thee, in the Land of the
 ving. Grant me, O Lord, a right and
 ue Faith ; forgive me all my Sins, and
 ke me daily more and more to walk in a
 ew Way, and upright Life ; that I may
 terly despise all worldly Things ; that I
 ay be content, pure of living, temperate,
 od, righteous, diligent in all Goodness,
 eek, merciful, modest, humble, and rea-
 y to forgive all that offend me ; and live all
 e Days of my Life according to thy Di-
 ne Will, and true Fear, that I may die
 the World to all Sin, and to my self ; and
 ith a good Confidence, and a merry Heart
 ok for the coming of thee, O Lord, my
 avour Jesus Christ ; to whom with thee,
 nd the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and
 glory for ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for a Sinner, desiring God to pour
Grace upon him, who doth faithfully believe
that God will freely forgive him his Sins.*

HONOUR and Praise be given to thee, O Lord God, for seeing whereof I stand in need, and so blessing me with thy manifold Blessings. I crave thy Mercy and Grace to be my Guide wheresoever I go. Receive O Jesus, my Soul and Body into thy Hands for thou hast bought me with thy precious Blood: O Lord, save me for thy Mercies sake, and be my Defender all the Days of my Life. Thou art the Gift of the Father to save Sinners: I beseech thee, O sweet Jesus, save and deliver me from all Evils bodily and ghostly, now and for ever, that I may praise and worship thee in this Life and in the World to come. Against thee O Lord, have I sinned. I confess, that all my Life-time I have been a Sinner, and have grievously offended. I have gone astray like a lost Sheep, and have been an unprofitable Servant, and there is no Goodness in me. But I confess my Sins, O Lord, unto thee, and do earnestly repent that ever I offended thee, being so loving a Father, and so gentle a Lord. And I cry with David, and say, Have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to thy Mercies, and according to the multitude of thy Mercies, do
away

way mine Offences. Wash me thoroughly
 from my Wickedness, and cleanse me
 from my Sins : For I acknowledge my
 faults, and my Sins are ever before me. I
 cry with the lost Son, O Father, I have sin-
 ned against Heaven, and against Thee, and
 am no more worthy to be called thy Son.
 I cry with the Publican, and say, O Lord
 be merciful to me a Sinner. I cry with
 the Blind, *Jesus, Son of David, have Mer-*
cies upon me. And I faithfully believe, that
 thou wilt freely and mercifully forgive me
 all my Sins, be they never so many or grie-
 vous, if I faithfully ask it for them. For
 by Faith, I am made of a Child of Wrath,
 the Son of God. By Faith, I am married
 unto Christ. By Faith, my Heart is puri-
 fied. Satan overcome, and the World van-
 quished. By Faith, I am preserved from
 Damnation, Justified and made Righteous.
 By Faith, the Wrath of God is asswaged,
 and I work thy Will, O God. By Faith,
 my Prayers are heard, and Requests grant-
 ed. By Faith, I please thee, O God, and
 am made the Child of Light. By Faith, I
 am born a-new, and made the Temple of
 the Holy Ghost. By Faith, I prevail a-
 gainst the Gates of Hell, and am made the
 Heir of thee, O God, and Fellow-heir
 with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, of
 thy everlasting Glory. Faith is richer than
 all

all Treasure, ſtronger than all corporall Power, and more healthful than all Phyſicians: Grant me therefore, O Lord, a true Faith, and let me cleave to the Merciful and Comfortable Promiſes of thee, O God; ſhall I be ſure to have remiſſion and forgiveness of all my Sins. I believe in thee, O Lord, help thou my Unbelief: Increase this my Faith in me, I moſt humbly beſeech thee for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, mercifully to behold me a moſt miſerable Sinner, and clearly to forgive me all thoſe Sins and Wickedneſs, which I have committed againſt thee from my Birth until the preſent time. Forgive me, O Lord, all my Sins for thy Names ſake, though they be great and many. Remember not thoſe Sins and Offences of my Youth, nor my former Sins, but according to thy Mercy think upon me, O Lord, for thy Goodneſs ſake, and have mercy upon me, and that right ſoon. Help me, O God of my Salvation; O deliver me, and be merciful unto me a Sinner, for the Glory of thy Name ſake. So ſhall I give thee Thanks for ever and magnifie thy bleſſed Name, World without end. *Amen.*

A very Godly Prayer, with many Petitions.

O Lord, pour down thy Heavenly Grace and Fatherly Favour, upon me, that I being aſſured of thy favourable Goodneſs toward

oward me, may rejoice and glory in thee. Vouchsafe, O iweet Father, to send thy Holy Spirit unto me, which may make me a new Creature : Put away from me all fleshly Lusts ; fill my Heart with new Affections and spiritual Motions ; and through his godly Inspirations, renew me both in Body and Soul, that I may die unto Sin, and live unto thee in newness of Life, serving thee in Holiness and Righteousness all the Days of my Life. O send thy Wisdom out of thy Holy Heavens, and from the Throne of thy Majesty, that she may be with me, and teach me thy Will, and what is acceptable in thy sight ; conduct me rightly in thy Works, and preserve me in thy Power. Remove from me, O Heavenly Father, my lewd, stubborn, and unfaithful Heart, and create in me a clean and godly Heart. Cleanse me from all wicked Thoughts : breath into my Heart, through thy holy Spirit, godly and spiritual Motions ; that I may bring forth good Works, to the praise and glory of thy Holy Name. Grant me, O Lord, a quiet Mind, and a contented Conscience, free from the damnable Accusations of Satan, from the crafty Perswasions of the World, from the subtil Enticements of the Flesh. Give unto me the precious gift of Faith ; give Christian Love and perfect Charity, that I m

love thee, my Lord and God, with all my Heart, with all my Mind, Soul and Strength; and my Neighbours as my self. Give me Grace patiently to suffer my Enemies, to forgive and pray for them. Take from me all Pride, and haughtiness of Mind; graft in me true humility. Give me Grace to be merciful and liberal to all that have need. Preserve my Soul from all Vice, and my Body from Sicknes. Make me able with strong Faith to resist Satan; with fervent Prayer to mortifie the Lust of the Flesh; with meditation of thy holy Law to avoid the Vanities and Pleasures of this wicked World. Suffer me not to be overcome of Satan, nor his Servants; but grant me a strong Faith to overcome them. Send thy Heavenly Angels to pitch their Tents about me, and deliver me from their Tyrannies. Make me of the number, O Lord, whom thou hast ordained to be saved; place me among the Sheep; write me in thy Book of Life. Grant me these Petitions, and whatsoever else is needful for me, O most merciful Father, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ his sake; to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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Godly Prayers.

A Prayer for Grace, and Remission of Sins.

O Almighty God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of all Comfort and Consolation, have Mercy upon me: hear my Prayers I most humbly beseech thee, for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, for his Merits, and the cruel Death he suffered, to deliver me from Eternal Death. Send into my Heart the Spirit of Truth, to work in me a true, stedfast, and lively Faith, that the brightness and clearness of the Gospel may shine in me; and lighten my Mind, that I may understand the unspeakable Riches of my Redemption in, and by Christ; open the Eyes of my Mind, that I may know what the Hope is whereunto thou hast called me, and how rich the Glory of thine Inheritance is: That by true Faith I may be an unfeigned Professor of thy Holy Name, and worship thee in Spirit and Truth. Write in my Heart the love of thy Law, and hate to all Sin. Be merciful unto me, I heartily beseech thee, most merciful Father, for thy Christ his sake, for his Death's sake, and thy Mercy, Truth, and Promise sake; have mercy upon me, pardon and forgive me all my Sins, Iniquities, and Offences, whatsoever I have committed against thee, in thought, word, or deed, at any time

heretofore, by any means. Tho' I be poor, my Christ is rich; Tho' I be a sinner, He is righteous; Tho' I be impure, yet He is pure and holy: For his sake therefore be merciful unto me: Wash me from my filth and wickedness; cleanse me from my evil; forgive me my Sins, forget my Iniquities; pour out thy holy Spirit upon me; write thy Law in my Heart, grave it in my Mind; give me the spirit of Prayer; make me diligent and happy in the Works of my Vocation; take into thy Custody and Governance for ever, my Soul, and my Body, my Life, and all that ever I have. Tempers me never further than thou wilt make me able to bear. And whatsoever thou knowest, I have need of, in Soul, or in Body, dear God, and gracious Father, vouchsafe to give me the same. And as thy Child guide me, so that my Life may please thee, and my Death praise thee, through Jesus Christ my Lord; for whose sake I heartily pray thee to grant me these things thus asked, and all other Things necessary for my Soul and Body; and grant unto me, poor Creature, thy Blessings and Holy Spirit to sanctifie me, and dwell in me as thy dear Child, to keep me this Day and forever from all Sins and Evil, to thy Eternal Glory, and my Everlasting Comfort, and the profit of thy Church, which mercifully

ully maintain, cherish, and comfort.
Keep me in thy Truth ; pour upon me, O
Lord, thy Holy Spirit of Grace and Wis-
dom, to govern and lead my Body and
Soul in thy holy Word and Commandments.
Shew thy Mercy upon me, and so lighten
the natural blindness of my Heart, that I
may daily be renewed by thy holy Spirit.
Open my hard Heart, and gross Ears, to
read thy Word, hear thy heavenly Voice,
and believe, and follow it in my Life and
Conversation, and ever hold fast that blef-
sed Hope of everlasting Life. Mortifie
and kill all Vice in me, that my Life may
express my Faith in thee. Mercifully hear
the humble Supplications of thy Servant,
and grant me thy Peace all my Days. For
Christ his sake be merciful to me : Cast all
my Sins out of thy sight, pardon my Infir-
mities, and defend me in all Danger, both
outwardly in my Body, Goods, and Name,
and inwardly in my Soul, against all
Temptations, and subtil Baits of Satan.
Grant that I may truly and godlily serve
thee ; increase in me true Religion ; re-
plenish me with all Goodness, and of thy
great Mercy keep me in the same unto the
end. Give unto me the Spirit of Prayer,
true Humility, perfect Patience, and con-
tinual Joy in the Holy Ghost. And, for-
asmuch as I must be at war with many En-
emies,

emies, grant me Grace, and arm me with thy Defence, that I may stand with an invincible Constancy against all Corruptions wherewith I am compassed on all sides until such time as having ended this Combat, which during Life I must sustain, may in the end attain to thy Heavenly Reward which is prepared for me, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Another Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O Eternal God, behold me a poor and sinful Creature, and a Worm of the Earth ; against thee, O Holy Father against thee have I sinned : Gracious God cast not away a contrite and penitent Heart humbly calling upon thee : But turn thine Eyes of Mercy towards me, and forgive me the Sins of my Youth ; cast me not away, neither take thy Holy Spirit from me ; but give me the Comfort of thy Help, and stablish me in thy Truth ; keep me thy poor Creature, and destroy me not because of my Iniquity, but be merciful unto me : for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake let not thy heavy Hand of Justice destroy me, neither leave me in my Sins. Pitiful Father, even of thee which art the God of Mercy, I wretched Sinner do ask Mercy and Forgiveness of all my Sins ; therefore for the glory of thy Name, deliver me from Sin, and forgive me all my Sins ; for

thou art God, so art thou gracious and merciful, and wouldst that none should perish, but all should be saved. Spare me, O Lord, for thy Name's-sake, and forgive me all my Sins, and put out of thy sight all my Offences. Give me a new Heart, and take from me all wicked Desires, that I may evermore live according to thy Will. Give unto my Eyes good store of Light, that I sleep not in Death, and that my Sins prevail not against me. Work in me, O Holy Spirit, that I may ever desire and covet that which is most pleasant and acceptable in thy sight ; and that I have no desire to will, or not to will, but as thou wilt. O God, most Holy, Mighty, and Merciful Saviour ! be merciful unto me, and cast me not off in my Age ; forsake me not, nor shut thine Ears from my Prayers ; but be merciful unto me, and forgive me all my Sins. Most dear and blessed Saviour ! comfort the Soul of thy Servant, for unto thee do I lift up my Heart and Mind. Shew me thy Mercy, and grant me thy Salvation. Early in the Morning will I cry unto thee, for thou art Good and Gracious, and of great Mercy to them that call upon thee. Deliver me from among the wicked, that I may give Thanks unto thy Holy Name. Make me to understand thy Truth ; knit my Heart unto thee, that

I may fear thy Name : Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, and give me thy help and ſuccour : hear the Prayer of thy Servant, hide not thy Face from me, but have mercy upon me. I will always call upon thy Name; be thou preſent with me, and forſake me not : but in the Day of Judgment vouchſafe, O bleſſed King, to place me among thine elect and holy People, that I may behold the glorious Countenance of thy Divine Maieſty, and be filled with the exceeding ſweetneſs of thy bleſſed Preſence, which is Life. Grant this for thy Mercies ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for true Repentance.

O Lord God, which art full of Mercy and Compaſſion, Long-ſuffering, and of great Goodneſs ! which continuelt thy Mercy for thouſands, taking away Iniquity, Sins and Offences : Thou calleſt (after thy wonted Mercy) by thy Word to Repentance and hearty Conſervation : for unto all and every one is Repentance and Forgiveneſs of Sins preached in thy Name : I acknowledge the Riches of thy Lenity, Patience, and Long-ſuffering, in that thou doeſt not ſuddenly take away Sinners from the Earth, nor overthrow them in their wicked Deeds doing, but givelt them a ſpace to repent ; which is a moſt notable Argument, that thou wilt

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not the death of a Sinner, but that he be converted and live: for thou art merciful over all, and forbearst the Sins of Men for their amendment. Thou lovest all things that are, and hatest nothing that thou hast made. Therefore unto thee, O most Merciful God, do I cry, which knowest the hardness of my Heart, and that I have no power of my self to rise up: Convert me therefore, O Lord, and I shall be converted. O shew me my Offences, that striking my Thighs, I may be heartily sorry for my Sins committed. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be whole; save me, and I shall be saved; for thou art my praise. Behold me a Sheep wandring, and ready to perish. Seek thy Servant, O Lord, that I forget not thy Commandments. O Jesus Christ, look upon me with the Eyes of Pity, as thou lookedst on the sinful Woman in the Banquet, which prostrate at thy Feet, did bitterly bewail her Wickedness. Favour me as thou didst the Publican, who standing a far off in the Temple, and striking his Breast, said, Lord be merciful unto me a Sinner. Grant that among the Fears and Terrors of Conscience, I may take hold of thee by a lively Faith, who hast redeemed me from the Curse of the Law, and art made for me Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification,
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and Redemption. Keep me, O Lord from Desperation; and let me flie to thee my Mediator : and through Faith have Peace with God. Restore in me the Light of thy Law, that from my Heart I may obey thee my Redeemer, and walk in newness of Life. Thou who hast suffered for me in the Flesh, give me Grace, that likewise in the same Mind I may be armed for the Mortification of the Flesh ; that I live not after the Lusts of Men, but after the Will of God. I am sorry that I have spent the time of my Life that is past, in Wantonness, in Lusts, in excess of eating and drinking, and other Sins and Wickedness. Mollifie my Heart, that I may earnestly repent of all my former Sins and Offences, and for thy most dear Mercies sake, O Lord, forgive me the same. Keep the Devil under, that he trouble not my Conscience with reckoning up my Sins, or extenuating thy Mercy ; but grant me truly to come unto thee by hearty Repentance ; and that I may at all times, and in all Places lifting up pure Hands, pray unto thee, and say, Lord forgive me all my Sins and Offences ; and with deep sighing, and sure Confidence, continually persist in making my Prayers, Supplications, Intercessions, and giving of Thanks, for all thy Temporal, and Heavenly Benefits and Blessings bestowed

bestowed upon me. Hear, O Lord, both now and evermore, all my Prayers, and grant my Requests, for Jesus Christ his sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Remission of Sin.

O Merciful God, if I wretched Sinner had not Promises in the Holy Scriptures of thy tender Mercies, for the comfort of my weak Conscience and sorrowful Heart, I should have no remedy (my Sins are so great) but must despair. But though my Sins were never so many and abominable, yet thy Loving-kindnesses are more innumerable, and thy Mercies more infinite : thou wilt not the Death of a Sinner, but that he turn and live. Thou camest into the World to call Sinners, to save Offenders, to seek what was lost, to ease those that were laden with Sin : O put my evil Thoughts out of thy sight ; wash me and make me clean ; make me leave to do evil, and learn to do good ; apply myself to Equity, assist the Oppressed, help the Fatherless, hear the Widows ; and let my scarlet Sins be made white as Snow, and my purple Offences like pure white Wool. Cast my Misdeeds behind my Back, and never more remember them. Forgive me
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my Sins ; heal my Infirmities, ſave me from Deſtruction, and crown me with Mercy and Loving-kindneſs : deal not with me according to my Sins, nor reward me after my Wickedneſs. Look how wide the Eaſt is from the Weſt, ſo far haſt thou ſet my Sins from me : as a Father pitieth his own Children, even ſo art thou merciful to them that fear thee, Thou knoweſt we are as a Glaſs, and as a Flower of the Field, which ſoon fadeth away ; but thy merciful Goodneſs endureth for ever.

O moſt gentle Saviour, thou art my loving Shepherd, which haſt ſought me running aſtray, laid me on thy merciful Shoulders, and brought me home to the Company of thy Faithful. There is no whole part in my Body, from the ſole of the Foot to the Crown of the Head, but all is Wounds, Sores, and Stripes, which can never be bound up, mollified, and eaſed, except thou, O Lord, help me. O Lord, make clean my Wounds, pour the Wine and Oil of ſpiritual Gladneſs into them ; bind them up, make them perfectly whole ; and bring me into thy everlaſting Habitation. Heal me, and I ſhall be whole ; ſave me, and I ſhall be ſaved. O Father, receive me home, imbrace me in thy Arms, favour me, that have ungodlily and lewdly beſtowed thy godly and vertuous

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Gifts : which prodigal Living greatly grieveth me, and I am most heartily sorry, that I have so heinously offended against thee. I most humbly beseech thee to have Mercy upon me, forgive me my Sins, and receive me into thy Favour.

Take from me the Rags of Impiety, and cloath me with the Garment of Innocency, and put on me the Shooes of Peace, that I may walk in the ways of thy Holy Commandments. Give me Grace unfeignedly to repent and amend my Life, that the Angels in Heaven may rejoice at my Conversion : and wash me more and more from my Sins, that I may be clean, and appear beautiful in thy glorious sight, and rest for ever in thy heavenly Mansion. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Blessings and Forgiveness of our Sins.

O Heavenly Father, I beseech thee, give me Grace to flie from all Sin, Drunkenness and Gluttony, as from beastly Vices, and pestilent Diseases ; and to use thy good Creatures soberly, temperately, and thankfully. Keep me from fulfilling the Lusts of the Flesh ; let me watch and pray, that I fall not into the Snares of the Devil : and live soberly, watch warily, pray continually, look diligently for the coming of my Saviour, that I may be ready to enter with him into everlasting Glory. O Saviour,
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our give me Grace to viſit the Sick and Priſoners, comfort the Fatherleſs, feed the Hungry, cloath the Naked, lodge the Harbourleſs, and do thoſe things which are moſt acceptable in thy ſight.

I confeſs and acknowledge unto thee my Sins and Offences : My Tranſgreſſions are infinite, as the Sand of the Sea. I have departed from thee, and have not kept thy Commandments, as thou haſt commanded me. Give me thy Righteouſneſs, and forgive me all my Sins. Finally I beſeech thee, moſt merciful Father, deliver me from this evil World, humane Fear, and all Infirmities of the Fleſh and Mind, from falſe Prophets, bad Brethren, and lewd Perſons. Defend me from the Hands of mine Enemies, from all Evils, preſent and to come, both in Soul and Body. Give me Grace to ſerve thee in good Works ; and for thy Name's ſake, deliver me from all Evil. Arm me with thy holy Armour ; weapon me with thy bleſſed Word. Inſtruct me by thy Holy Spirit ; that I may ſerve thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all the Days of my Life. Break the Bonds of my Sins, ſhake them out of thy ſight : Fully forgive me all my Offences, and let me poſſeſs the Inheritance of thy Heavenly Kingdom. To thee, O Father, Creator, Protector, Governour, and Defender ; and

to thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Peace-maker, Mercy-seat, Redeemer, Justifier, Advocate; and thy Holy Spirit, our Sanctification, Wisdom, Teacher, Instructor, and Comforter; be all Dominion, Power, and Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A very fervent Prayer for Remission of Sins, and many good Petitions.

GRant me, most Gracious God, thankfully to acknowledge thy great Mercy. Make me increase in Repentance, Faith, Prayer, in Contemning the World, in hearty Desiring Life Everlasting, and thy Blessed Presence. Grant me (O most gracious Lord) thy Holy and Sanctifying Spirit; that I may heartily and faithfully pray unto thee with a pure and clear Mind, with an humble and lowly Heart. Accept me into thy favour; write thy Law in my Heart; and so work in me, that I may believe in thee, fear thee, love thee, and obey thee, and serve thee as thou requirest. O loving Lord, forgive me my Unthankfulness, and all my Sins. O Father, assure me of my everlasting Salvation in Christ: Reveal thy Truth unto me, confirm, strengthen, and stablish me in the same; that I may live as a Vessel of thy Mercy. Endue me with the Spirit of Wisdom. Keep me, that I follow not the
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Counsel of the Wicked, walk not in the way of Sinners, nor fulfil the Lusts and Desires of the Flesh. Subdue my Lust, and conduct me, that I may do those Things that please thee, and hate those that offend thee. Fasten me, and plant me sure in the land of the Living, and let me not be carried away with vehement Blasts of the Wicked World. Direct and order my Paths, that I may walk in thy ways. Arm me with Patience; and assist me with thy Holy Spirit; that I may shake off the bonds of the Wicked, and cast away the Yoke of Sins and Impiety. So guide me, that I may always serve thee in Truth and Verity, and in true Faith obey thee. I beseech thee, receive me under thy blessed Safeguard; be my Buckler; give me thy Succour, that I may walk in thy Truth before thee, and rejoice only in thee. O Lord, hear me lamentably calling upon thee. O Christ, which art my Righteousness and Innocency, comfort me in all Adversity. Hear me mercifully when I call upon thee. Make me to live in awe of thee, and evermore be afraid to offend thee, or sin against thee. Give me the light of thy Countenance; and let me feel and taste thy favourable Goodness. Grant me Peace and Tranquility, firm Hope, and stedfast Faith in thee. Have Compassion on me, for I
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in sore vexed : heal my Soul, help me,
 and deliver me from all my Sins. For thy
 Mercies sake hear my lamentable Voice,
 hear my sorrowful Cry, grant my Petiti-
 ons, confound my Enemies, deliver me
 from all Inconveniencies, free me from all
 Grief and Heaviness. Grant I be not
 overcome with the Deceits of the Wicked,
 lighten mine Eyes, that I may rightly dis-
 cern thee, and walk constantly in the way
 of Truth, through a stedfast Faith. O
 Lord God, consider me, regard me with
 the Eyes of thy Mercy. Keep me from
 Sin and Sinners : let my Heart rejoyce in
 thy Salvation, that I may sing Praises, and
 render Thanks unto thee, for that thou
 hast delivered me from all my Sins and
 Transgressions. Free me from all Impie-
 ty and Ignorance, that I may earnestly
 seek thee. Keep me as the Apple of thine
 Eye, defend me under the Shadow of thy
 Wings, and satisfie me with the desire of
 thy Glory. Shew me thy Way, teach me
 thy Paths, deliver me from all Ungodli-
 ness, wipe out all my Sins and Offences,
 and clearly forgive me all my Misdeeds,
 for thy most dear Mercies sake. *Amen.*

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*A most Godly Prayer for Repentance, and
Life Everlasting.*

O God Almighty, that hast created me of nothing in the Cœlestial Form of Mankind; and by thy Holy Word governed and taught me to know, confess, honour, and serve thy Omnipotent Majesty, so as where I was far from thee by Sin, I am now by thy Grace brought near thee and reconciled to thy Favour as a Son, therefore as one environ'd with many Sorrows, Perils, Wretchedness, and Calamities, amidst the Swarms of innumerable Enemies that seek to spoil me, I call for thy Help, which art the only sure and invincible Fortress, wherein I may be saved. O Father, stretch forth thy mighty Hand and give me a joyful Victory, against the Power of the malicious Enemies that would spoil me. From the bottom of my Heart I cry unto thee to save me; and for the love of thy dear Son deliver me from all Sin, and the power of Darkness: And by thy Holy Spirit lead and guide me in the Light and Paths of thy most glorious and heavenly Grace; that in this short and transitory Life (beset round with many Storms, Perils, and Decits, to Perdition) I may always cleave fast unto thee; and utterly despising all earthly Pomp and Vanity, I may

may port unto the Port of perpetual Peace and Safety, there to possess the triumphant and eternal Joys, which are prepared for thine Elect.

Open the Eyes of the fatherly Pity, I beseech thee, and give me Grace earnestly to repent my Misdeeds. Put away my Sins, and forgive me all mine Offences. Renew whatsoever is decay'd in me, either by the fraud or deceit of the Devil, the vanities of the World, or my own carnal Will and Frailty. Let me put my whole Trust in thy Mercy. Impute not my Sins unto me, but take me into thy Favour and Blessing. Strengthen me with thy Holy Spirit; pour upon me the manifold Gifts of thy Grace, the Spirit of Wisdom, Truth, Meekness, Love, Peace and Patience; that I may live here in this Life godlily and vertuously, die in thy Faith and Fear, and reign with thee in the World to come in everlasting Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Thanksgiving, and for Remission of Sins.

O Almighty and Eternal God, our Gracious and Merciful Father! all Praise, Honour, and Glory, be given to thee. O let me extol and praise thy Name for ever: For thou hearest my Prayers, grantest my Requests, and abundantly pourest thy Graces

ces and Benefits upon me. Thou choſedſt me before all Eternity; Write my Name in thy Book, and make me Fellow-heir of thine everlaſting Kingdom. I will praiſe thee for Creating me after thine own Similitude and Image, in Wiſdom, Innocency, Holineſs and Righteouſneſs; little inferior to the Angels: For Redeeming my Soul and Body from Deſtruction, and forgiving me my Sins, and delivering me from Death everlaſting. I thank thee for that precious Jewel of thy Sacred Word; for teaching and comforting me; for preſerving my Soul and Body in health, peace and liberty: For the uſe of thy good Creatures both for my neceſſity and delight; for Food to nourish me, Apparel to cloath me, the Benefit of reſt to reſreſh me. O Gracious God, give me thy ſpecial Grace, that I may Morning and Evening, and at all times, praiſe and highly magnifie thee, and ever offer this Sacrifice, even the Calves of my Lips, unto thy Heavenly Majeſty. Sanctifie my Senſes to thy Honour and Glory. Charge thine Angels to pitch their Tents about me, and ſave me. Give me Power and Strength againſt Satan, Sin, Iniquity, and all Ungodlineſs; and let me never more offend thee. Bleſs my endeavours, the beginnings and iſſues of all my Affairs. Fill my Heart with Thankfulneſs to thee, and

and Charity to others. Protect me in all Places, defend me from all Dangers, and let thy Blessings be with me wheresoever I come. O Lord, grant me Grace still to praise thee, and ever heartily to pray unto thee. Good Lord hear me, and freely forgive me all my Sins, for Jesus Christ his sake : To whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all Praise, Thanks, Honour and Glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A very Devout Prayer for Repentance, and all other Things whatsoever needful, and Life Everlasting.

O Most mighty God of Angels and Men; whose Wisdom is Infinite, and Judgments unfearchable! Hear the Prayers of thy Servant, and give ear to the humble Petitions of thy poor Creature. O let me incline my Soul unto thee, and set my Eyes upon thee : And do thou turn thy Anger away from me, and let me find favour in thy sight. Heal my Soul that hath sinned, free me from my transgressions, pluck me from my Offences : For I acknowledge my Faults, and am sorry for my Sins. Pride and Arrogancy have beguiled me, foolish Boldness overtaken me, and my own Councils and Devices misled me. Thou hast counselled me, and I followed it not : Thou didst strike me, and I regarded it not : Thou

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didst correct me, and I received not thy Discipline. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me, I most humbly beseech thee: Hear my Prayers, forgive the Sins of my Youth, and turn thy Displeasure from me. Come unto me, O Lord, and save me: Destroy not my Soul, which thou hast so mightily redeemed, but arise and deliver me, save me for thy Mercies sake. Grant me sorrow for my Sins, and a fountain of Tears for my Offences, that I may daily bewail my Iniquities. Let my Prayers enter into thy Presence, and my cry come unto thee: Help me in my Troubles, hear my Prayers, and freely forgive me all my Sins. O God Almighty, behold me thy unworthy Servant: Give me thy Holy Spirit, fervently to desire thy Kingdom, acknowledge thy Will, and work thereafter. Give me Wisdom, Constancy, Patience, and Strength in thee. Let thy mighty Arm preserve me from the Invasion of the Devil, the Cursings of evil Tongues, the Malignity of the World. Give me Grace to repent my Misdeeds, be sorry for my Sins, and penitent for my Offences. Make me love Justice, hate Wrong, and abstain from Evil. Take care of my Soul, forgive me my Sins, and save me thy Servant. Give me what thou wilt, as much as thou wilt, and when thou wilt. Do with

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of the Devil. Let not Flesh and Blood
ercome me, the World with its Vain-
ory deceive me; nor the Fiend thro' his
anifold Crafts supplant me: But give me
hostly Strength in resisting them, Pati-
nce in suffering them, and Constancy in
persevering to the end. Give me for
worldly Delights the sweet Consolation of
y Holy Spirit; for fleshly love, the fer-
ent love of Thee, and thy Heavenly Wis-
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Things ; all motions of Sin ; and let no Vnity deceive me. End (O Lord) my Series, deliver me from the Bondage of Sin, and grant me a full fight and contemplation of thy Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer or Meditation, whereby the Contemplation of Light and Darknefs is stored up, with a Remembrance of the Shortnefs of our Life, and for Life Everlasting.

AS my Body, O Lord, is compassed with thy blessed Light, so let my Mind with thy heavenly Light be illuminated ; and as thou givest me corporal Light, so I beseech thee, give me spiritual Light. For sure, I believe, my Body shall be as clear as the Sun in the Day of Judgment : and as the Sun riseth in the Morning, is highest at Noon, and in the Evening draweth downwards : so my Life, and all Things in this World (how glorious soever) being at the highest, decrease and wear away. Grant me therefore, (O God) a quiet and contented Mind, which is most like thy Holy Name. And, as Houses are ordained to keep us from the Injury of the Weather, Cruelty of Beasts, Disquietness of the People, and Dangers of the World ; so grant most gracious Father, that my Body may enter into

My Heavenly Mansion, wherein my Body
and Soul may have Rest, Peace, and Joy
everlasting. O take from me this Veil of
sin, and let me ever have clear Light in
my Mind: And as I am not sorry when the
sun goeth down, so let me rejoice in
Death, whereby I come to thy Heavenly
Habitation. Thou which art the Author
of Light, take away the Dimness of my
Mind, and let me see clearly: Let thy
Word be a Lanthorn unto my Feet, and a
Light unto my Paths. As after the Day
give my self to rest in the Night; so most
merciful Father, govern and prepare me,
that after this Life, I may rest and live
with thee in Eternal Glory. Nothing is
so like Life as Day; nothing is so like
Death as Night; nothing so like the Grave
as the Bed; and as I fear not to enter my
Bed and sleep, so let me not fear to die;
but prepare my self for it, that after the
Temptations, Troubles, and Tempests of
this World be ended, I may enjoy that hea-
venly, pleasant, and delectable Rest, that
is prepared for thine Elect: Which grant
me, sweet Father, for thy Son my Saviour
Jesus Christ his sake, to whom with thee
and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and
Glory. Amen.

*A Prayer to spend our Lives so as we may live
in Heaven Eternally.*

DEAR Father, God of Heaven and Earth ! I miserable and sinful Creature, do prostrate my self before thy Majesty, desiring thee from the bottom of my Heart, to be merciful unto me : for, thou I am not worthy to receive the least favour of thee, and from thee ; yet of thy fatherly Care over me, thou givest me thy Blessings abundantly ; and yet my weak Nature is such, as I forget from whence these good Graces flow, and am no way thankful for the same ; but like the gormondizing Glutton, continue in my vain Desires, and worldly Pleasures, which in a moment shall vanish. Endue me therefore, most dear Father, with thy holy Spirit, and give me Grace to spend the short Pilgrimage of my Life wholly in thy Testimonies, that I may joy in the Service of thee, and continually be careful to please thee ; so that when thou shalt mow up the Root of this transitory Life, I may be ready, like the wise Virgins, with my Lamp burning ; that so passing from this dark vale of Misery, I may be received to thy bright Joy and Everlasting Habitation.
Amen.

A Pray-

*Prayer to God to take Care of us, preserve us,
and forgive us our Sins.*

O Father, that madeſt the Light, lighten
mine Eyes, that I ſleep not in Death,
and let not my Enemies, or Sins prevail
againſt me ; drive from me the Darkneſs
of Ignorance, and illuminate me with thy
Holy Spirit ; that I may deſpiſe the deceit-
ful Delights of this World, and earneſtly
ſtrive for the true Joys of Heaven ; that I
may heartily forſake all Tranſitory Things,
and endeavour to attain Things eternal.
Preſerve me from the Affaults of the Devil,
keep me from all Sins, and deliver me from
ſudden Death. Grant me Solace in Tri-
bulation ; Aſſiſtance in Temptation ; and
after Death, ſave me from Condemnation.
I beſeech thee, and from the bottom of
my Heart, intreat thee, to direct me in
the way of thy Commandments, that I
may begin, continue, and end my Life to
thy Glory, and the Salvation of my Soul.
Keep me from Sin, reſtrain me from Iniqui-
ty. Cool the Heat of my Concupiſcence,
that reigneth in me. Let me lead the
Remnant of my Life in thy Fear and Love.
Direct my Heart, Body, Senſes, Speeches,
and Actions in thy Law, and Works of thy
Commandments, that leaving the Delights
of this World, I may thirſt for thy King-
dom.

dom. Curb the Devil that he hurt me not. Grant me thy Mercy, and forgive me my Sins. Furthermore, O Lord, give me purity of Heart, austerity of the Flesh, mortification of my Appetites, Watch my Eyes, and bridle my Tongue. Let me desire nothing but thee, and be evermore mindful of thee. Give me Humility of Heart, Patience, Obedience, Meekness, Charity, Constancy : and endue me with thy heavenly Grace, and Christian Goodness. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Aid and Protection of God in
our Affairs.*

O Omnipotent and Eternal God, who art the Life, the Way, and the Truth, behold I walk among the Temptations of the Devil, the Snares of the World, and Frailty of the Flesh : Open therefore, O Lord, my Eyes ; be thou my Guide, and conduct me right : be in my way, O Lord, my Succour and Solace ; in heat a Shelter, in cold a Garment, in weariness a Rest, in shipwrack a Haven. Guide me in thy Paths, and teach me thy Ways : beat me down, and humble me, that I trust not in terrestrial Things ; but erect my Mind and Spirit to Heaven, and there fasten my Hope : Direct my Intent to that end, and let me so live on Earth, as I may be received

reived into thy everlasting Kingdom.
Grant, that I may learn so to rest in thee,
and trust in thy Blessings, that I may ab-
tain from all Evil, look after Celestial
Riches, and learn to be content with what
thou shalt please thee to bestow upon me.
O Lord have Mercy upon me, and hear my
Prayers; turn my Sins from thee, and save
me for thy Mercies sake: For there is no
Man can heal me, nor deliver my Soul,
but thou, O Lord. My Destruction com-
eth of my self, my Hope and Salvation
standeth only in thee. In the time of Con-
ciliation hear me; in the Day of Death
deliver me; and for thy Mercies sake,
have Mercy upon me: Be merciful unto
me, who have none but thee to help me,
destroy me not because of mine Iniquity;
nor be any longer angry with me: Let
my Prayers ascend unto thee, and be thou
my Health and Salvation. I acknowledge
I have many ways from my Youth hither-
to, most grievously offended thy Divine
Majesty; for which, O God, be merciful
unto me, a most wretched Sinner; forgive
all that is past, save and defend me from
all evil hereafter; confirm me in a godly
Life, to the Honour and Glory of thy
Blessed Name. *Amen.*

A very good Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins.

O Celestial Lord, Omnipotent and Eternal Father! I bless thy Divine Majesty, I praise thy Infinite Bounty and Mercy, I magnifie thy Eternal Wisdom and Truth, who with thy mighty Hand hast ever defended me from all Perils, Danger, and Enemies. Comfort me, Cherish me, Maintain me, and for ever hereafter Defend me, that my Mouth may set forth thy Glory. Praise the Lord, O my Soul; I will praise the Lord, and all my Life sing Praises unto his holy Name. Preserve and defend my Soul and my Body from all Perils: Preserve me from worldly Slanders, drive mine Enemies from me, guard and protect me, that I may never offend thee, or with my Sins grieve thee: Early in the Morning let me seek thee, in the Evening let me praise thee, and be ever careful to please thee. Punish me not according to my Sins, but be merciful unto me, for thy great Goodness and Mercy sake. Reprove me not, O Lord, in thine Anger, nor correct me in my Wickedness. Shew me thy Mercy, and grant me thy Salvation; free me from thine Anger, deliver me from sudden Death, and save and keep me from eternal Damnation. Grant that I may so follow Holiness

Bless all my Life, that thy Glory may shine
 in my Good-works ; and that I may enter-
 prize nothing but that which shall be to
 my Praise and Glory. Exempt me from
 the World, and all Filthiness of the Flesh ;
 keep me so diligently, that I may follow
 true Goodness and Piety. Grant I may
 apply my Heart unto thee : Purge it from
 all Impurity and Filthiness ; make me ab-
 stain from all evil Deeds, Deceits, and
 Cruelty. Deliver me from Sin, Wicked-
 ness and all Evil ; send thy holy Angel to
 guide me in my Doings ; and keep me in
 thy ways, that I may not do, think, or
 will any thing contrary unto thy Holy
 Will and Commandments. Let me sing
 and rejoice before thee, worship and serve
 thee, and come into thy Presence with
 Mirth. Thou madest me, I am a Sheep
 of thy Flock. Remember not, O Lord,
 the Ignorance of my Youth, but according
 to thy great Mercy be mindful of me.
 Turn my Wailing into Joy ; cut my Sack
 of Sorrow in pieces ; and cloath me with
 Celestial Gladness ; that I may sing to thy
 Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

*A good Prayer for a Sinner, and for God's Grace
to keep him from Sins, and grant him Life
Everlasting.*

O Lord, let thy Grace spring in my
Heart ; suffer me not to periſh with
the Ungodly, direct me with the Rule of
Juſtice, make plain thy Way before me
leſt the wicked Spirit put me out of it
Defend me with thy Grace as a Shield
gather me under thy Wings, and keep me
ſafe among thy Feathers ; ſend thy Truth
and Light to lead me, and bring me to
thy Holy Dwelling. O my Soul, truſt in the
Lord, he is my God and my Helper. Have
mercy upon me, O Lord, thou God of all
Things have reſpect unto me, ſend me
thy Fear, and beſtow on me thy Mercy.

Awake, O my Soul, and ſtand up from
Death, that Chriſt may lighten thee with
the Beams of his Mercy. Shew me the
Way that I ſhall walk in, and deliver me
from mine Enemies, for I fly unto thee.
Teach me to do thoſe Things that ſhall
pleaſe thee. Let me put my truſt in thee,
and have mercy upon me : Look upon my
Adverſity and Miſery, and forgive me all
my Sins. O keep my Soul and deliver me,
and let me never be confounded, but be
merciful unto me, and have mercy upon
me. Watch (O my Soul) for thou know-
eſt

rest not when the Lord will come. Watch
 and Pray, O my Soul, that thou enter
 not into Temptation. Watch (O my Soul)
 Fast and Pray, and be strong in Faith.
 Set a watch, O Lord, before my Mouth,
 and keep the door of my Lips; and let
 not my Heart be inclined to Evil. O keep
 me in thy Paths, that my Footsteps slide
 not. Hear me, and have Mercy upon
 me; knit my Heart unto thee, that I
 may fear thy Name; ponder my Ways,
 consider my Meditations, and mercifully
 hear me: Lead me in the right Way, let
 no Wickedness have Dominion over me;
 turn all Voluptuousness from me, take
 from me the Lusts of the Flesh, let not
 Uncleaness take hold of me: Give me
 not over to an obstinate Mind; turn my
 Eyes away from Vanities: Let thy loving
 Mercies come unto me: suffer me not, O
 Lord, to enter into the Way of Sinners;
 but whensoever through frailty of my
 corrupt Nature I run astray, then, O Lord,
 stay me, and pluck me back again; that I
 may joy in the Desire of thy Law, that I
 may ever chuse and do those Things which
 are most pleasing to thee, and hate all that
 offend thee.

Plant me by the Water-side, and let
 me bring forth Fruit to thy Honour and
 Glory. Grant that I may stand in the

Assembly of the Righteous, that I may escape all Punishment, be delivered from Condemnation, and with thy Saints, and holy Angels live in Everlasting Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sins necessary to be said at all times, and for Forgiveness of Sins.

O God, and Merciful Father, be merciful unto me, for many Enemies fight against me. O God most High, I here prostrate in Heart, confess my abominable Wickednesses, wherein all my Life long I have offended thy Heavenly Majesty, in Thought, Word, and Deed, which are infinite, and cannot be numbered : make them, O Lord, odious and grievous unto me ; make them detestable in my sight, give me the Grace of true Repentance : Grant unto me, sinful Wretch, the forgiveness of all my Sins, and release me from all Pains due for the same. Thou hast commanded us to ask and pray, and thou wilt give ; to knock, and thou wilt open. Grant me, O Father, I beseech thee, a continual and stedfast Faith, and only to hope in thee, and in Christ Jesus, that I may cry, God the Father, have Mercy upon me ; O God the Son, have Mercy upon me ; O God, the Holy Ghost, have Mercy upon me ; O Glorious and Blessed Trinity,

Trinity, have Mercy upon me, and forgive me all my Sins and Wickedness, that I have committed and done ever since I came into this miserable World, until this present Hour. And grant, O Father, I wretched Sinner beseech thee, that I never hereafter fall into any Sins or Offences. Defend me against all my Enemies, the Devil, the World, and the Flesh. O Christ, which cam'st into the World, to ease those which are laden, to seek those that were lost, to call Sinners to Repentance, and to give Life Everlasting to the Faithful! I poor sinful Creature, from the very bottom of my Heart, bewail and lament my wretched and sinful Life, beseeching thee, according to thy Promise, to be merciful unto me, to be my Mediator to God the Father for me, that he may fully and freely forgive me all my Sins whatsoever, formerly committed against thee; and wholly possess my Heart with thy Holy Spirit, that he may defend me against all Perils to come, which the Devil, the World, or the Flesh imagineth against me: and so change me into a new Man, that my old Sins being washed away by thy precious Blood; I may walk from Vertue to Vertue, to the praise of thy blessed Name.

Amen.

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*A General Confession of Sins, with a Prayer
for Remission of the same.*

O Most merciful Lord God, most dear and tender Father! vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to look down with thy fatherly Eyes of Pity upon me, a most vile and wretched Sinner, who lie heartily prostrate before the feet of thy bottomless Mercy. I am not worthy to be called thy Son; but for that thou art the God and Father of all Comfort, and desirest not the Death of a Sinner, but takest care to cure my wounded Soul: Pour, I pray thee, the precious Oil of thy sweet Comfort into my Wounds, that I may joyfully run into the lap of thy everlasting Pity. Thou art my Hope and Trust, in whom I only repose my self. I accuse my self unto thee, that I have forely and grievously offended thy Almighty Majesty, in committing grievous and manifold Sins and Wickedness; that I have not kept the least of thy Commandments, as thy Righteousness requireth of me: I have not honoured thee as a God, dreaded thee like a Lord, nor loved thee like a Father, nor used thee as my Saviour. Thy Holy and Dreadful Name have I used in vain: I have followed the Prince of the World in Concupiscence of the Flesh, pride of Living, in

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Covetousness, in Gluttony, in Hatred, in Envy, in Back-biting, in Despair, and in Misbelief: but, in what manner soever I have offended thy most Godly Majesty, I am heartily sorry for it, even from the bottom of my Heart; and in token of my hearty Repentance, I knock and strike my Breast, and in the bitterness of my Soul, I cry and say, Lord God, Father, have mercy upon me: Lord God Son, have mercy upon me: Lord God Holy Ghost, have mercy upon me: Spare me of thy Infinite Mercy, and grant me thy abundant Grace, that I may change my sinful Life; put off the Old-man with all Concupiscence; that I may die unto the World, and the World unto me. Strengthen my Heart in true Humility, perfect Love, Hope, and Trust in thee. Give my Soul Grace to desire only, to rejoyce and repose my self in thee, that I may utterly forsake the vain Affiance of this World, that I may be ready to go with thee, whensoever thou shalt come upon me. Be thou, O Lord, always unto me a tower of Strength, a place of Refuge, and defend me against the Fiend, and all Desperation: Let thy Comfort cleave unto me, thy Mercy keep me, and thy Grace guide me. Take, O Father, what thou hast made: Take, O Son, what thou hast with thy precious Blood
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dearly bought : Take, O Holy Ghost, what thou hast kept and preserved by thy Grace, to draw me near unto thee. Hear my Prayers, forgive me my Offences, comfort me in my Afflictions : Let my ghostly Enemy have no Power on me, but give me Strength to withstand his deceitful Snares : Let me live to my Comfort, die in the true Faith, and rest with thee in thy Everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

Another Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins, and to be guided by the Grace of God to preserve and keep us.

O Maker of Heaven and Earth, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords ! which of nothing didst make me after thine own Image, didst redeem me with thy precious Blood : I am not worthy in my Heart to think on thee, nor in my Mouth to name thee : Therefore I humbly desire thee, and meekly pray thee, gently to behold me thy unworthy Servant, and have Mercy upon me, as thou hadst on the Woman of Canaan.

Unto thee, I confess my Sins, have Mercy upon me (L O R D) for I have most grievously offended thee in Pride, Covetousness, Lechery, Vain-glory, Hatred, Adultery, in dissolute and wanton Living, in idle Words, in thinking, sleeping, and doing

doing all things, wherein frail Man might
sin: Therefore I most humbly pray and be-
seech thy Goodness; have mercy upon
me, and forgive me all my Sins. Thou art
my Hope, Trust and Defender, my Help,
Strength, Life, Health, Resurrection and
Redemption: I therefore most humbly
pray and beseech thee, help me, defend
me, make me strong, and comfort me:
visit me, and receive me, I am thy Servant
and Bondman (though evil and a Sinner)
therefore I flee unto thee to be received: If
I be unclean, thou canst make me clean:
If I be sick, thou canst heal me: If I be
dead, thou canst revive me: for thy Mer-
cy is more than my Sins; and thou canst
forgive more than I can offend. There-
fore, O Lord, consider not the Number
of my Offences, but according to thy great
Mercy have mercy upon me; say unto my
Soul, thou art my Salvation. O be not
angry with me; but, most Meek Father,
for thy Mercies sake, forgive me all my
Misdeeds; grant that I may truly know
thee, with my Heart believe thee, and
Mouth confess thee. Purifie my Heart
with the fire of Love, mortifie in me
whatsoever is amiss; garnish my Mind
with thy heavenly Benefits and spiritual
Gifts; arm my Soul against the crafty As-
saults of the subtile Serpent, the vain
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Pleasures of the World, and the lewd Lusts of the filthy Flesh.

O Saviour, have mercy upon me, which have committed many Sins against thee, and have mis-spent the Gifts of Grace that thou so lovingly didst give me. Be merciful unto me, O Bountiful Lord, and I will wholly put my Trust and Confidence in thy Mercy. Let me ever dread thee, love thee, and serve thee with all my Heart, Mind, Will, Might, Power and Strength of Soul and Body : and grant that I may do all things according to thy Will ; let all my Offences be forgotten before thee, and make me persevere in vertuous Living, that I may order my self in this World to thy Will and Pleasure. Let me depart out of this World in a clean and pure Life, for the Comfort and Salvation of my sinful Soul. And, most Merciful Lord, I pray thee to give me stedfast Faith, true Hope, and fervent Charity : Give me thy Grace and merciful Aid in all my Ways, to pursue and follow thy Will and Commandments ; to eschew my own frail Will and Desires, and false Enticements ; that so in this Life I may live a true Christian, and after Death behold thy most Glorious Face in Heaven. *Amen.*

A Devout Prayer for all Christians.

O Lord, which hast vouchsafed of thine unspeakable Goodness, to make and ordain me thy Creature, to live in this Transitory Life, giving me a Reasonable Soul, by which I know thee, my Lord and my God! O most blessed Lord, I wretched Sinner confess my wicked and abominable Sins: I humbly ask thee Mercy and Forgiveness for the same. Grant me thy Strength to stand sure in Faith; thy Knowledge to work thy blessed Will; thy Power to resist all Errours and wicked Imaginations; thy Wisdom to know the Truth. Give thy help, I humbly beseech thee, that thy Holy Spirit may guide me, and all the Thoughts and the Desires of my Heart: For the Thoughts of Men are miserable, and their Deeds uncertain. Comfort therefore my Soul, let it walk in thy Law and Ways, and work thy Will: Suffer no worldly Perswasions to take place or root in my Heart; but by thy Holy Spirit so direct my Ways and Words, that they may be acceptable in thy Sight. Suffer not my Soul to perish which thou hast so dearly bought; but have mercy upon me. Make me poor in Spirit; low in Heart; content with my Calling; and let my Soul rest in thee: Let me love thee as a Father, a Forgiver

giver, a Saviour; and fear thee as a Lord, a Judge, a Revenger. O Father, put from me all my Sins and Wickededness: make me to walk in the way of thy Commandments: Let me reverently fear thee, and stand in awe of thy Judgments: Let me love thee as a Saviour, honour thee as a Lord, and fear thee as a Judge. Grant me grace to set thy fear before me, to stand in awe of thee, and of thy judgments; that I do nothing to provoke thy heavy Displeasure against me; that I may walk in thy Fear and holy Ordinances, and imbrace those Vertues that shall evidently declare my faithful Love, true Honour, unfeigned Repentance, and humble Fear towards thee. Have mercy, pity, and compassion upon me most miserable Sinner; for my Offences are horrible, great, and grievous: but I appeal to thy Mercy, which is above thy Works: O let me live with thee eternally, and not die though I have deserved it. Make me a Vessel of thy Mercy, that I may praise thy Name: Let not my Sins sever me from thee; but let me magnifie thy Power and Mercy. O Gracious God, give me true, hearty, earnest, and unfeigned Repentance, that I may from the bottom of my Heart continually lament my manifold Sins and Transgressions, and my Unthankfulness towards thee for all thy
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merciful Benefits abundantly bestowed upon me. Alas! that ever I became so wicked and unkind a Creature, to displease so good a Lord, so loving and merciful a Father. O forgive me all my Sins that ever I have committed against thee: let me never more offend thee; but always gladly serve thee in Righteousness and Holiness all the Days of my Life. Govern and guide my Heart in thy Faith, Fear, and Love, that in all my Thoughts, Words and Deeds, I may glorifie thy holy Name: to whom be all Glory, Praise, Power, and Dominion, now and evermore. *Amen.*

A Faithful Prayer, very fit for all Persons.

O Most excellent Goodness, withdraw not thy Mercy: O most mighty Maker, despise not thy work: O most prudent Redeemer, suffer me not, the price of thy Redemption, to perish: O most Gentle, Ghostly and Heavenly Host, purifie, save, dress, and keep thy House and Dwelling-place in me. O most Blessed, Charitable, Sweet and Bounteous Jesus! O most Excellent, Glorious, Merciful, dear Jesus, and sweet Saviour! have mercy upon me, and freely forgive me all my Sins. O make me love thee, turn to thee, and be sorry and contrite for my Wickedness. Let me remember thy Benefits, Meekness, painful
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and bitter Passion, thy Patience, Obedience, Love and Charity. Sanctifie me, that I may worship thee, magnifie thee, and heartily love thee, with true reverence and devotion. As thou art most Dreadful, make me to dread thee; as my Father, to love thee; as my Lord, to serve thee. Dwell in my Soul by thy Grace, Mercy, Charity and Cleanness. O, wound my Heart with thy most holy Wounds, moisten my Mind with thy precious Blood, that whatsoever I do, or wheresoever I turn me, I may behold thee Crucified; and thus beholding thee, I may fix my Mind on nothing but only on thee. And I beseech thee, that thou wilt vouchsafe of thy Goodness to direct, sanctifie, and keep my Soul, and my Body, my Senses, Talk, Communication, and all my Doings, in thy holy Laws, and works of thy Commandments, that thy holy Angel may be with me to direct me in the way of Peace, Truth, and Health: That I may be whole, safe, and free in thee, and by thee, both here and in the World to come. Hear me, and save me, O King of Glory, which livest and reignest World without end. *Amen.*

very good Prayer to God, to take from us all Evil Things, and to give us all Good Things.

Give, O Lord God, unto my Heart Repentance, to my Spirit Contrition, to my Eyes a fountain of Tears, to my Hands abundance of Alms, and put out of me the desires of the Flesh, and kindle in me the fire of thy Love: Put out of me the Spirit of Pride and Vain-glory, and give me true Humility. Take away from me, O Lord, the fury of Anger, and give me the Buckler of Patience; pluck from me rancour and malice of Mind, and give me meekness of Soul: Give me (most gentle Father) a stedfast Faith, sure Hope, and continual Charity. O God, turn from me Vanity, inconstantness of Mind, wantonness of Body, lewdness of Talk, a high Mind, excess of Diet, Evil-speaking of others, covetousness of Riches, greediness to Rule, desire of Vain-glory, the vice of Flattering, despising the Poor, oppressing the Weak, unsatiable Avarice, and deadly Blasphemy. Take from me undecent Rashness, Stubbornness, Unquietness, Idleness, Sluggishness, Dulness, Blindness of Heart, Obstinacy of Understanding, Cruelty of Condition, Disobedience to what is Good: And give me, O God, for thy dear Son's sake, the works of Mercy, and affections
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of Piety, to counſel the Evil, help the Miſerable, ſuccour the Needy, comfort the Sad, aid the Oppreſſed, relieve the Poor, bemoan them that Weep, pardon my Debtors, ſpare them that offend me, love them that hate me, do Good for Evil, embrace Vertue, reject Vice. Grant that I may live in all Goodneſs. O God, make me rich with thy Gifts, defend me with thy Munition, give me the ſtrength of thy Salvation, be my Shadow in the Day of Battle, my Deliverer in the Time of Affliction, my Aid in Tribulation, my Light in Salvation, and Conduct me to thy Everlaſting Reſt, that I may live with thee in Eternal Glory. *Amen.*

A very good Prayer for God's Aid, Forgiveness of Sins, and Life Everlaſting.

O Chriſt, that calleſt all Men unto thee, ſpread forth the Beams of thy Light, that we walk not in Darkneſs; for thou art the Way to Heaven, and Son of Righteouſneſs: In thy Croſs we triumph; in thy Shame we glory; by thy Pain we have peace; in thy Tears joy; in thy Sorrow comfort; in thy Death life.

I humbly beſeech thee therefore, pour upon me the Spirit of Wiſdom, Grace and Mercy, with the force of his Beams to drive away the darkneſs of my Mind; and
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with his fire to purifie my perverse Affections; with his celestial Lamp to kindle in my Heart true Zeal of Glory; with his holy Ointment to embalm my Conscience; with his Fatherly Oil to refresh my Bowels; and with his Vertue to renew in me an upright Spirit, to cleanse my Soul from dead Works, and replenish me with Righteousness, that I may overcome Satan, the World, the Flesh, and my Lusts. Above all, let me have the true Consolation of a faithful Soul, his Joy, Quiet and Content. Thy Word is unto us the Image of Glory, the Law of thy Kingdom, the Ladder to Heaven, the Gate to Paradise, the Treasury of Piety, Vertue, Wisdom, Consolation, and Perfection: Yet the grossness of our Flesh is so ignorant and perverse, that it will neither see thy Spiritual Riches, nor hear thy True and wholesome Doctrine, but taketh the Thorn for the Rose, the Leaf for the Fruit, and the Husk for the Kernel.

I humbly beseech thee therefore, most merciful Father, to guide me in the understanding of thy Truth, and instruct me by thy Spirit; to make me perfect in the Principles of Salvation, the true Knowledge of thee, and of Faith, Piety, and Righteousness; to believe in Thee, and Jesus Christ thy only Son; to glorifie thee,
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love thee, fear thee, and serve thee
 Grant that my Thoughts may be re-
 plenished with stedfast Hope, supported
 with assured Expectation to obtain the
 Celestial Riches, which no Eye hath seen,
 Ear heard, or Understanding comprehen-
 ded; that I may behold thy Countenance
 live in thy Kingdom, enjoy the Society of
 the Angels, be a Fellow-heir with thy glo-
 rified Spirits to be fully united unto Christ
 and by him to the Father and Fountain of
 Eternal Life, and so possess everlasting
 Joy. And let the hope of enjoying that
 Happiness be my Thoughts, Pleasure
 Labour, Habitation, and only Vocation
 And grant me Grace to turn my Course
 that in the end I may obtain the Diadem
 wherewith thou crownest thine Elect, that
 I may praise and magnifie thy Name
 World without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Remission of Sins, and to be God to
 assist us to live well, and to Free us from all
 Sin, and to live in Heaven Eternally.*

O Lord my God, I will glorifie and
 praise thee with Thanksgiving; give
 me thine Aid, save and deliver my Soul out
 of the deep Dungeon; keep me from the
 Pit of Destruction, take all Trouble from
 me, let my Life be agreeable to thy Desire;
 take away my Evening Lamentation, and
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Give me the Joy of the Morning Consolation. O Lord hear me, have pity upon me, and be merciful unto me ; take from me all Heaviness, fill me with thy Gladness, that I may render thee Thanks, and my Tongue sing thy praises without ceasing. Have Mercy upon me according to thy Benignity, for I am oppressed with Sins and Offences : Absolve, purge and wash me from all Iniquity, and put me not from thy Presence : Give me a right Spirit, the Comfort of thy Salvation, and rest to my poor Conscience, that be sure of the free Remission of all my hainous Sins. Give me (O Lord) a Mouth and Wisdom, to resist my Adversaries : Keep me pure and undefiled in thy Law, and, that I may do nothing but what thou requirest of me, let me never want sure Hope, and firm Trust in thee : Fasten and imprint thy Laws in my Heart, that I never sin against thee : Teach me thy Judgments, and give me a ready Will to perform them ; fortifie me with thy Word, and let my Heart be inclined unto it, and not to Covetousness, Pride, or any other Wickedness. Instruct me in that that is good ; be thou my Portion, and for thy Mercies sake have Mercy upon me ; keep me diligently, watchfully, and let not my Feet slip ; shadow me with thy Right-hand, and keep

me ſafe from the Wicked. Deliver me from all Evils, guide my going forth, and coming home, and keep my Soul from Sin. Let me, O Lord, cry unto thee; and hear me ſpeedily; let my Prayer be as ſweet Incenſe before thee, that I may call upon thee daily and continually. Keep me from evil, and let me not live diſſolutely: Defend me from all Impiety, and all erroneous and foul Offences; let me caſt mine Eyes upon thee, hope only in thee, and ſtay me wholly upon thee.

Save my Soul, let it not periſh, and deliver me from the Vanities of the World, Enticements of the Fleſh, Suggestions of the Devil, and the Snares, Ambuſhes, and deceitful Conſpiracies of the Wicked, that I may laud and praiſe thy holy Name in this World, and in the World to come. To our God Eternal, Immortal, Inviſible, and Only Wiſe, be all Honour and Glory, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

A very earneſt Prayer for God's Aid, and Forgiveness of our Sins.

O Father, I beſeech thee for the love of thy Son, bring my Soul out of Priſon to praiſe thy Holy Name: Deliver me from the Bonds of Sin, and reſtore me to Life Everlaſting: When ſhall I come and appear before thy Face? When will the

the Comfort come I wait for? When shall I see the Joy I look for? And be satisfied with the Glory I long for? Strike, O Lord, my hard Heart with the strong point of thy dear Love; Pierce it with thy mighty Power unto the bottom, that my Head may bring forth Water, and my Eyes be a Fountain of Tears, to mourn and lament my manifold Sins and Offences.

I beseech thee, kneeling on my Knees, and humbly intreat thee, that thou wilt with the Eyes of Pity look upon me thy unworthy Servant, and have Mercy upon me, O Christ, whom I have greatly offended in Thought, Word and Deed; pardon my Offences, and clearly forgive me all my Sins; heal my Iniquities, and I shall be safe. Govern and defend me, strengthen and comfort me; despise me not, O Lord, nor note the number of my Sins; but according to the multitude of thy Mercies, pity me, favour me, have Mercy upon me, and forgive me a most grievous Sinner. Convert me, O Lord, and for thy Mercies sake keep me, that I may with true Repentance, heartily bewail my Sins. Save me, for thou art the true Safety: have Mercy on my sinful Soul; loose the Bands thereof; blot out my Transgressions; aid me, and forsake me not, O God of my Comfort. O my Soul lament, mourn and

weep, till thou be joyn'd to thy Bridegroom
 Chriſt. Thou bid'ſt me knock ; O Lord,
 open unto me ; ſtrengthen me that am weak,
 reſtore me that did periſh, raiſe me that
 was dead, guide and govern all my Senſes,
 Thoughts and Deeds, that henceforth I
 may ſerve thee, love thee, and live with
 thee. Grant me an humble and contrite
 Heart, with abundance of Tears, and a
 ſorrowful Soul for my Sins. Give me
 compunction of Heart, Humility of Mind,
 and a pure Conſcience. O Jeſus, pardon
 my Soul, pardon my Sins, my Evils, and
 my Offences. Let me earneſtly deſire,
 and adviſedly ſearch, truly know, and
 perfectly fulfill all Things that pleaſe thee.
 Give me thy heavenly Comfort, deſpiſe
 not my ſinful Soul, forgive me all my Sins,
 and bring me to thy Holy Habitation, for
 my Saviour Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

A good Prayer for God's Aſſiſtance and Repentance.

O Loving Father, have Mercy upon me,
 pardon my Frailty, aid my Infirmi-
 ties by the Power of thy Grace, ſtrength-
 en me againſt the Concupiſcence of the
 filthy Fleſh, the illuſions of the fooliſh
 World, and the ſubtil Aſſaults of Satan ;
 that I may grow in all Goodneſs and hea-
 venly Perfections. Of thy Fatherly Good-
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of thy Name, forgive me my Sins, and grant my Petitions : look favourably on me thy frail and wretched Creature ; humble my Heart to the repentant Confession of my Sins : give me the Help of thy Holy Spirit to amend my sinful Life : bless and guide all my Thoughts, Words, and Works, with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may in all things obey thy Heavenly Will. Reform me, bless me, and in thy Tuition preserve me ; pour forth the abundant bounty of thy good Gifts upon me ; that in the Riches of Peace, Joy, and Love, I may praise and magnifie thee. O merciful Father, that hast delivered me out of the Bands of Death and Darkness, have mercy upon me ; and for thy sweet Son, my Saviour Christ his sake, comfort, guide and strengthen me with thy Holy Spirit ; hold continually thy Holy Hand over me, that no Flattery, Illusion, nor Inchantments of this World deceive me, and that no Troubles, Malice, Stripes, Persecutions, Fear, Tyranny, Torment, nor Death, may ever separate me from thee : but despising the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, I may enjoy full Hope, wait for, and desire, the coming of our Redeemer, for the delivery of the blessed Saints to appear in thy gracious Presence in our renewed Bodies, glorified and immortal, there to

dwell with Angels and Arch-Angels, evermore praising thy Heavenly Majesty. O Lord, that hast made us the Children of Light, have mercy upon me, yea, Lord, have mercy upon me, and for thy Name's sake look favourably upon me, stand fast by me, let me be constant in Faith, humble and obedient to thy Holy Will and Correction, patiently waiting thy good Pleasure and Determination in all things.

Make me abound in Love and Meekness, rejoice in Vertue and true Holiness, and glad my Heart in the assured Truth of thy Promises: Help me with thy Grace, pardon my Weaknesses, and deliver me from the Evils I have deserved; and in all Troubles, Wealth, Need, Health, Sickness, Joy, Sorrow, Life, and Death, make me put my whole Stay, Hope, and Help in thy Fatherly Mercy and Goodness. Relieve me with thy Grace, strengthen me with thy Holy Spirit, that I may overcome and vanquish all the Suggestions, Temptations, and Conspiracies of Satan, and his Infernal Armies: Withstand the Malice, Persecutions and Troubles of this wretched World, triumph in heavenly Victory, and wholly rejoice in Thee, praising and lauding of thy holy Name now and for ever, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O Sovereign Creator of all Things! when I consider thy Majesty, whom I have with my Sins offended, I do tremble at my own Misdeeds, and abhor my Wickedness, because I have forsaken so Gracious and bountiful a Father. Vouchsafe therefore, most Merciful God, and Loving Father, to pardon and forgive me all my Vanities, Misdeeds, and Offences: Govern and guide me by thy Holy Spirit in all my ways, that I may live all the Days of my Life according to thy holy and heavenly Commandments. By the multitude of thy Mercies wipe away my Iniquities; let my Suit enter into thy Presence, and save me thy Servant: Shew me thy Mercies; comfort my Heart with the Celestial Joy and Pleasure of thee, that I may for ever rest with thee in the Land of the Living. Have Pity upon me, and according to the multitude of thy great Mercies, wipe away my Sins, and cleanse me from all my Unrighteousness: Draw my Soul out of Sin, unto the lively Fountain of the Life Everlasting: fill my Mind with the Streams of thy Pleasure, and overcome my Heart with the Sweetness of thy Love; and grant that I may long with all my Heart, and labour with my whole Endeavour, to

attain to the unconceivable Joys of the Life Everlasting. Embrace me with thy Arms of Mercy ; shew me thy loving Countenance ; pluck me from the Earth, and earthly Things ; open my Mouth to call upon thee, my Ears to hear thee, my Eyes to behold thee ; and let all that I do, say, hear, or see, be only to thy Glory. Let thy Grace still accompany me ; let me continually crave it, and earnestly endeavour to keep it. Scour from me the Spots which by my daily Sins I have cast upon the Whiteness thou gavest me, that I may be pure and clean before thee. Bind up the Sores of my sinful Soul ; wash it with thy precious Blood, anoint it with the Oil of Holiness ; repair thy Heavenly Image within me, by Sin defaced, and again adorn it with thy own Righteousness ; that I may ever hereafter praise thee. Mortifie all my desires of Wealth, Pleasure, Riches, Glory, Favour, and all earth'y Things whatsoever ; that I may evermore readily and willingly do those Things that may please thee. Give me Constancy and Steadiness of Purpose, that my Thoughts may not be found fleeting nor uneffectual ; but that I may with an unmovable Mind do all things for my Comfort, and to the Honour and Glory of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

Righteous and Merciful God ! which art clear from Spot and Sin ; I miserable and wretched Sinner acknowledge my Wickedness, and with an humble and sorrowful Heart bewail my Filthiness, whereby I have polluted that Image imprinted within me at my first Creation. I openly confess, that many and great are my Sins, my Offences wonderful, my Transgressions infinite, even as the Sand of the Sea that cannot be numbred : For all my Cogitations are prone to evil evermore. Who knoweth, O Lord, his Sin, and can recite his Transgressions ? I confess my Offences, and my Sin is always before me : against Thee only have I sinned and done evil : I was born in Sin, and those Sins have I multiplied in my daily Transgressions, and have deserved thy Displeasure : Therefore I appeal unto thy Mercy, O Lord, beseeching thee not to enter into Judgment with thy Servant, but according unto thy great Mercy, have Mercy upon me ; and according to the multitude of thy Mercies do away my Iniquities.

Wash me thoroughly from my Sins, and cleanse me from my Offences : for thy Name's sake be merciful to my Sin, for it

is great. Remember not the Sins of my Youth, nor my Rebellions; but according to thy Kindness remember me for thy Goodness sake. Remember thy tender Mercies and Loving-kindnesses which have been for ever: Remember I am Flesh that passeth away, and cometh not again. Leave therefore thy Displeasure against me; be not angry with me for ever; deal not with me according to my Sins, neither reward me after mine Iniquities; but conduct me, O Lord, and turn away thy Displeasure against me. Shew me thy Mercies, and grant me thy Salvation. I confess most Merciful God, it lieth not in my power to purge and put away my Sins, and purchase thy Favour: But it is only the Passion, and most Innocent Death of thy dear Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, that is a sufficient Reconciliation for my Sins, and for the Sins of the whole World: for his Blood which was shed for me, doth cleanse me from all my Sins: and if I confess my Offences, thou wilt forgive me all my Sins, and cleanse me from all Unrighteousness. Wherefore in such hope of this thy Mercy, promised by thy Son, I am bold with deep Sighs from my Heart to cry, Lord forgive me my Offences, remit mine Iniquities, cover my Sins, and impute not my Faults unto me; Purge me, O Lord, from my
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my Sins. Turn me unto thee by Grace, that I may remember thy Benefits, and thy painful and bitter Death and Passion. Grant me to sanctifie, worship, magnifie, and love thee heartily. Moisten my Mind with thy most precious Blood, that whatsoever I see, I may behold thee Crucified; that thus beholding thee, I may fix my Mind on nothing but only on thee, and live most carefully to serve thee, and after this Life, rest Everlastingly with thee, which livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, One God, World without end. *Amen.*

An Excellent Prayer, meet for all Persons, and to be said at all times.

GRant, O Merciful Father, that I never commit any thing that shall offend thy Fatherly Goodness; but that I may eschew all Vice, imbrace all Vertue, live in thy Fear, call upon thy Holy Name, learn thy Godly Commandments, hear thy Holy Word, avoid all Idleness, and walk in my Vocation, to the Glory of thy Holy Name. Send thy Holy Spirit of Love and Concord, that I may be content with my Calling, live quietly in the same, do good to all Men, and order my Life according to thy Godly Will. Grant me to covet
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with ardent Mind those Things which may please thee, to search them wisely, to know them truly, and fulfill them perfectly, to the laud and glory of thy Name. Order my Living so, that I may do that which thou requirest of me ; Give me Grace to know it, and have a Will and Power to do it ; and that I may have those things, which are most convenient for my Soul. Gracious God, make my way sure and straight, that I fall not between Prosperity and Adversity ; but in Prosperity to thank thee, and be patient in Adversity ; and that I be not lift up with the one, nor oppressed with the other ; that I may rejoice in nothing but that which pleaseth thee, nor be sorry for any thing but that which offends thee, desiring to please none but thee, nor fearing to offend any but thee. O loving Father, make all worldly Things vile unto me, and be thou my especial Comfort above all : Let me not be merry, but with that which pleaseth thee ; and let me desire nothing but thee. Let all Labour delight me that is for thee, and let all the rest weary me. Make me lift up my Heart unto thee, and when I fall, make me think on thee, and be sorry for the same, with a stedfast Purpose of amendment. Grant me Faith in thee, and Grace, I beseech thee, to be occupied in
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doing of Good-works, to thy Glory and my Comfort; and to truſt in thy Mercies, and in Chriſt his Mercies, to be purged from my Sins. Give me Grace to love thy Word fervently, to ſearch the Scriptures diligently, to read them humbly, to underſtand them truly, and to live after them effectually, that my Life may be acceptable unto thee. Teach me ſo to pray, that my Petitions may be graciously heard of thee. Keep me upright among diverſity of Opinions, that I ſwerve not from the Truth. Give me, I beſeech thee, a true Spirit, that no curious Thoughts, nor filthy Affections withdraw me from thee. Grant me Grace to know thee, diligently to pleaſe thee, and hope to imbrace thee, for the precious Blood's ſake of that Immaculate Lamb, Jeſus Chriſt: To whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour, and Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer, wherein a Sinner deſireth God to hear him, and forgive his Sins.

O Lord, how long wilt thou reject my Prayers, which Daily I pour out before thee? Wilt thou, O Lord, hear me at no time? Or wilt thou ceaſe to ſhew Mercy? O cry unto the Lord, O my Soul, and ſay, Haſt thou, O Lord, caſt me away for ever? Or wilt thou never hereafter be pleaſed

fed with me? Favour me, O Righteous Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, that the sighing and inward groaning of my Heart, may move and incline thee to hear me graciously. O Lord, grant me thy Mercy, and perform the Covenant which thou hast made with me: Hold thine Holy Hand over me, and keep me from Sin; then shall I fear neither Death nor Hell; and, as thou hast always been merciful to penitent Sinners, so now, good Lord, forgive me my Sins. In the Zeal of my Heart, I beseech thee to keep me in the Fear of thee; then shall I rejoyce in thy Mercy, for that thou hast looked upon me, and regarded my Soul in Distress. Keep me in thy Sheepfold, O Shepherd of my Soul, and let me never hereafter wander from thy Ways, nor leave me in Troubles: Behold, my weakness is best known unto thee: Look, O Lord, upon my Sorrow, and forgive me my Sins. Mollifie my Heart, that I may turn unto thee, and walk in thy Ways; for I have walked over-long in the way of Sinners: My Prayers, O Lord, are poured forth before thee: Let thine Anger be turned from me, and let me find Favour in thy sight. Look not on the Hardness of my Heart; but as thou always shewest Mercy, so now be merciful over me, and forgive me all my Sins. Spare me, I beseech thee,

thee, and shew on me the abundance of thy Mercy, which hast taught me in Christ Jesus to call upon thee in my Necessities. Give me Grace to acknowledge my own Infirmities, that I depending upon thy merciful Goodness, may with a strong and stedfast Faith, and with a penitent Heart, continually call upon thee, for thy Grace, Mercy and Pardon. Hearken, O most merciful God, for thy great Mercies sake, to these my humble Prayers which I make before thee ; and consider, O Lord, the Desires and Thoughts of my Heart ; let my crying-out come unto thee, and let my unfeigned Prayers enter into thy Presence. Hear me, O Lord, for I want thy help ; care for my Soul ; save me thy Servant, which trust in thee. Have Mercy, O Lord, have Mercy upon me, for I will never cease crying to thee for Help and Mercy. In the Day time will I call upon thee ; and in the Night will I cry unto thee. O God of Heaven, and Maker of all Things, hear me, a most wretched Creature, calling upon thee ; and take from me all my Sins. Plant in me, O Heavenly Father, true Obedience to thy Word ; let not the Cares of this World deceive me ; keep me from all unclean Desires : Grant me Grace to walk before thee with a good and pure Mind, that I may receive the
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Reward provided for thy Sons and Servants. Increase my Faith and Love ; increase in me a sure Hope of my Salvation ; increase Strength in me to overcome and stand against all Temptations. Let thy Holy Angel keep and conduct me, that I may evermore walk before thee in Godliness and Righteousness of Life : Make stedfast my Faith in thy merciful Promises, that I trusting in them, may have everlasting Life, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Reformed Life.

O Heavenly Father, and Merciful God ! which of thy only Goodness hast created and made me unto thy own similitude and likeness : I heartily pray and beseech thee, remember not my Sins and Unrighteousness ; neither suffer thy grievous Plagues to hang over me. I have sinned and heinously offended thee ; yet I beseech thee of thy Mercy and Benignity to behold me thy unworthy Child. I do not prostrate my self before thee in praise of my Righteousness, but in the multitude of thy Mercies I humbly beseech thee, most Holy Father, be no more angry with me, but turn thy Wrath from me, and kindle in me the love of thy Holy Spirit. Break, O Lord, my stony Heart, and make

make it a fleshly Heart ; that I may fear thee, love thee, and have pleasure in thee. Grant me a true Understanding of thy Word, to love what is to be loved, to desire that which pleaseth thee, to regard that which is precious in thy sight, and to refuse that which is Evil before thee. Give me (O Father) a sorrowful and penitent Heart, that I may humbly serve thee all the Days of my Life. When I fall into Sin through Frailty, work, I beseech thee, true Repentance in my Heart, that I may be sorry without Desperation ; that I may amend my Life, and become truly Righteous, without Hypocrisie ; lowly in Heart without fainting ; faithful and trusty without Deceit ; content with my own without Coverousness ; to tell my Neighbour his Fault charitably ; to pay every Man truly ; backbite no Man, nor slander any secretly : To abhor all Vice, and love and follow all Goodness earnestly. Grant this, O Lord, for the Glory of thy Holy Name. Amen.

A Confession of Sins, and a Prayer for Forgiveness of them.

O Almighty God of Israel, my Soul that is in trouble, and my Spirit that is vexed, cry unto thee ; hear me, O Lord, and have mercy upon me, for I have sin-
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ed against thee: I heartily pray and be-
 seech thee, in the Bowels of thy Mercy to
 look down from Heaven upon me thy poor
 servant, whose Sins be infinite and innu-
 merable, most hainous and insupportable:
 but as they be grievous and without num-
 ber, so is thy Mercy more abundant and
 without end. Thy Mercy is above all thy
 Works, more able to save, than my Sins to
 condemn. Thou, O Christ, art that good
 Samaritan, that pourest the Oil of thy Grace
 into our Wounds; Thou art the only true Sa-
 crifice and Oblation, once offered for the
 Sins of the whole World. Therefore, O sweet
 Saviour, for thy bitter Death and Passion,
 and for the Glory of thy Name, be merci-
 ful unto me, and forgive me all my Sins.
 Grant, that as through my wicked Life,
 thou hast been dishonoured, so through my
 godly Conversation and Integrity of Life
 hereafter, thou may'st be ever glorified.
 Forgive me (O my Saviour) all my Sins, I
 most humbly beseech thee, and keep me
 ever hereafter from all Sins. Grant me the
 Assistance of thy Grace and holy Spirit, to
 direct my ways, and guide my paths, that
 I may be innocent from all Offences, and
 that in all things I may honour and praise
 thee, together with the Heavenly Father,
 and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever-
 more. *Amen.*

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A Prayer in Adverſity, and for Mercy.

A Almighty God, which for my Ingratitude an ſinful Life, haſt worthily puniſhed me with Affliction and Adverſity I moſt humbly beſeech thee, to give me Grace utterly to deteſt and abhor my former wretched and ſinful Life, and to ſtudy Daily for the amendment of the ſame : for I am fully perſwaded, that this Affliction hath not come unto me by Caſualty, but by thy Permiſſion, and determinate Pleaſure ; and that thou doſt beat me with this thy Rod of Correction, becauſe thou wouldſt nurture me, and lead me to unfeigned Repentance for my former Life to be more circumſpect of a good Life : to exerciſe my Faith in thy godly Promiſes to try me whether I will be patient and conſtant in Adverſity : to make me abhor vain Pleaſures of this Life, and with fervent and continual deſire long for the Life Everlaſting. Therefore I heartily pray thee to ſtrengthen my Faith, Hope, Charity, and Meekneſs ; that I may patiently bear this thy Fatherly Chaiſtifeſment. And grant me that I may Daily increaſe more and more in Love towards thee ; for I hope all things ſhall happen to the beſt, whether it be Proſperity, Health, Sickneſs, Life, or Death : Therefore I wholly ſubmit my ſelf unto

unto thee, and resign all my Will to thy
most godly Will and Pleasure, hoping that
thou wilt end this Affliction to thy Honour
and Glory, and to my most Profit, Wealth,
and Everlasting Salvation, through Jesus
Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer.

A Prayer to be said by all Persons at all times.

A Almighty and most Merciful Father ;
grant that above all things I may rest
in thee, and fully set my Heart upon thee :
for thou, Lord, art the true Peace of the
Heart, and the perfect Rest of the Soul :
Therefore thy Will in all things be done in
me : Cast out of my Heart all unprofitable
Cares of worldly things, and suffer me
not to be led with the unprofitable Desires
of Earthly Vanities ; but grant me Grace,
that worldly and carnal Affections may be
mortified and die in me.

Grant me the strength of thy Holy Spi-
rit, to subdue this Body of Sin, with the
whole Lusts thereof, that it may be obedi-
ent, both in Will, Mind, and Members,
to do thy Holy Will. Grant me Grace
that I may esteem all things in this World
transitory, and my self with them drawing
towards my end. O Lord God, which art
Sweetness unspeakable, turn into bitterness
unto me all transitory and earthly Delights,
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which may draw me from the love of Eternal Things : and for all worldly Comfort give me the ſweet Comfort of thy Holy Spirit ; for thou, Lord, art my Stray, my Hope, my Crown, and my Glory : bleſſe me, that for the love of thee, I may not be ſet by the Pleaſures of this World ; but crucifie the Fleſh and the Luſts thereof ; ſo that in a clean and pure Conſcience, I may offer up my Prayers unto thee, and be accepted to have Company with thee, together with thy Holy Angels, and Heavenly Spirits. O Everlaſting Light, ſend down the Beams of thy Brightneſs, and lighten the inward part of my Heart, that I may walk in thy Laws and Commandments. Give me Grace to reſt in thee above all Things, above all Glory, Honour, Dignity, and Power ; above all Health, Beauty, Riches, and Treafure ; above all Joy, Pleaſure, Fame, and Praise ; and above all Mirth and Conſolation that Man's Heart may feel or take beſides thee. For thou, Lord, art moſt Good, Wiſe, and Righteous ; moſt High, Mighty, and Comfortable ; moſt Beautiful, Loving, and Glorious ; in whom are moſt perfectly all Treafures of Grace and Goodneſs. Therefore whatſoever I have beſides thee, is nothing unto thee : for my Heart may not reſt but only in Thee. O Lord, who ſhall give me the

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Wings of perfect Love, that I may fly from
these worldly Miseries, and rest with thee?
O King of Everlasting Glory! My Soul
crieth unto thee, with continual Groan-
ings, and saith, How long tarrieth my
Lord God to come unto me? When shall
the end of these Miseries? When shall
I be delivered from the Bondage of Sin?
When shall I have my Mind only fixt on
thee, and be merry in thee, with perfect
Joy and Gladness? When shall that blessed
Hour come, that thou wilt visit me and
make me glad with thy blessed Presence?
When shall I come unto thee, and enjoy
those sweet Contemplations, which thy
blessed Angels have always? When shall I
stand to behold thee, and have full Sight
and Contemplation of thy Glory? When
shall I be with thee in thy Kingdom, which
thou hast prepared for thine Elect, that I
may behold the blessed Mansion of thy
Heavenly City, and the most clear Day of
Eternity, which thy Citizens know, and
feel the Joy of? But I, the Child of *Adam*,
do lament and bewail the Miseries of this
wretched Life, short and evil, full of grief
and sorrow; where we are polluted with
Troubles, wearied with Labours, tried
with Temptations, vanquished with vain
Delights, and fleshly Pleasures of this
changeable World, and miserably enthrall-
led

led in intolerable Calamities. Wherefore
 O Lord, ariſe and help me; comfort me
 aſſuage my ſorrow; deſtroy my Enemies
 the Kingdom of Sin, Satan, the World
 and my wicked Fleſh. Forgive me all my
 Sins, and bring my troubleſome Days to
 an end. So ſhall I ſing praiſes unto thee
 O God of my Salvation, and magnifie thy
 Name, World without end. *Amen.*

A ſhort Meditation on Man's Miſery.

WHAT was I, O Lord? what am I
 what ſhall I be? I was nothing,
 am now worth nothing, and in hazard to
 be worſe than nothing. I was conceived
 in Original Sin; I am now full of Actual
 Sin; I may hereafter feel the eternal Smart
 of Sin. I was in my Mother a loathſome
 Subſtance; I am in the World a Corps of
 Corruption; I ſhall be in my Grave a prey
 of Vermin. When I was nothing, I was
 without hope to be ſaved, or fear to be
 damned. I am now in a doubtful hope of
 the one, and in great danger of the other.
 I ſhall either be happy for the Succeſs of
 my Hope, or miſerable by the Eſtate of
 my Danger. What I have been I know, viz.
 a wretched Sinner. What I am, I cannot
 ſay, being uncertain of God's Grace. What
 I ſhall be, I am ignorant, being doubtful
 of my Perſeverance. Lord, erect my pre-
 ſent Weakneſs, correct my former Sinful-
 neſs,

ness, direct my future Frailty, direct it, O Lord, from passed Evil to present Good, and future Reward, for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

An Effectual Prayer for Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness of Sins.

O Heavenly God, O Father dear,
cast down thy tender Eye

Upon a Wretch that prostrate here,
before thy Throne doth lie.

O pour thy precious Oil of Grace
into my wounded Heart :

O let thy Drops of Mercy sweet
remit my Sins desert.

My sinful Soul, oppressed sore

with careful Clogs of Sin,

In humble sort, most humbly sues,
thy Mercy for to win.

Grant Mercy then, O Saviour sweet,
to me in wretched Thrall ;

Whose woful Cry to thee alone,
doth still for Mercy call.

Thy blessed Will I have displeas'd,
with pleasing of my Mind,

And to the Lusts of worldly Things
my self I have inclin'd,

Forgetting Heaven and Heavenly Power,
where God and Saints do dwell.

My Life hath almost trod the Steps
that lead the Way to Hell.

Grant now, O Lord, and Loadstone bright,
that I no more do so,

But for my Life in Sins mispent,
my Heart may melt in woe.

Alas I sigh, alas I sob,
alas I do lament,

That ever my licentious Life
so wickedly was spent.

Grant therefore, Lord, with wailing Tears
I may thy Mercy crave :

O Lord, for thy great Mercies sake,
let me thy Mercy have.

Restore to Life my sinful Soul,
that else is like to die :

Then shall my Voice unto thy Name
sing praise Eternally.

Now blessed be the Father first,
and blessed be the Son,

And blessed be the Holy Ghost,
by whom all things are done.

Bless me, O Blessed Trinity,
with thy Eternal Grace :

Forgive my Sins, and grant my Soul
in Heaven a Dwelling-place.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving, to crave God's assistance,
to grant us his Grace to repent of our Sins,
and bring us to the Life Everlasting.

O Holy Father, God Almighty ! who didst vouchsafe of thy unspeakable Goodness and Mercy, to send thine only Son

Son from the high Throne of thy Majesty,
 into this Vale of Woe and Misery, to
 take our Nature upon him, and in the same
 to suffer most sharp, and bitter Death to
 bring our Souls to thy Heavenly Kingdom.
 O sweet Jesu, inflame my Heart unto thee
 with the burning Beams of thy Love, and
 make me ever to thank thee, and fear to
 offend thee. O sweet Jesus, my Hope,
 Refuge, Joy, and Health! have Mercy
 upon me, and be merciful unto me, a poor,
 needy, vile, wretched and abominable
 sinful Creature; give me Remission of all
 my Sins, Integrity of Mind, Health of
 Body, needful Food and Raiment, strength-
 fulness of the Earth, unity of Faith, sub-
 version of Heresies, increase of true Reli-
 gion, earnest Devotion, willingness to
 Charity, sincerity in Prayer, patience in
 Trouble, joy in Hope, and whatsoever else
 is for thy Glory, my Good, and Soul's
 Health. Let thy Holy Sweetness possess my
 Mind, feed my Soul with the fulness of
 heavenly and invisible Things, separate me
 from earthly Vanities, wholly dedicate
 my Heart to heavenly Meditations; give
 me compunction of Heart, and Tears to
 my Eyes, that I may ever bewail the
 Wickedness of my Life. Lift up my Heart
 and Mind, I beseech thee, from the Con-
 tagions of earthly Cares to the Considera-

tion of heavenly Joys ; that I may think and speak only of Thee in this Life, and after live with thee Eternally. O Lord, my Gracious God, and only Comforter of my Soul ; seeing thou desirest that in all Things I should sincerely serve thee, and I through thy Grace, desire to do the same, suffer me not, O Lord, any more to offend thee, or fall into the Relapse of my former Follies ; but make me heartily sorry for my Offences, that I may never more sin against thee. And I humbly confess my self unto thee, that there is not on the Earth a more vile and wicked Sinner than my self. Increase, therefore in me, I most humbly beseech thee, thy Graces, and give me Humility, that I may perfectly know thee in thy Majesty, and my self in my Misery ; and yet through thy gracious Help I may manfully fight against Sin and Wickedness ; and gain the Victory over all my Corporeal and Spiritual Enemies. I wretched Sinner confess, I have often offended thee, dishonoured thee, and neglected thy Holy Precepts, which above all things ought to be most dear unto me. Thou, O Lord, knowest I am Carnal, full of evil Concupiscence, flowing in fleshly Pleasure ; over-wrapped in fond Fantasies ; omitting spiritual Exercises, and mourning for Sin ; in speaking Impatient

in hearing godly Admonitions Negligent ;
easily detained from doing Good, and apt
to Evil. O most Merciful Lord, I poor
and wretched Sinner, am full of Sorrow
and Grief, for that I have grievously sin-
ned and offended against thee : Wound,
O Lord, my Heart with the Sorrow of
most faithful and unfeigned Repentance :
grant me thy Grace, and assist me by thy
Holy Spirit, that I may for ever hereafter
keep my self from all Sin, and avoid all
Occasions of Offences. And I most hum-
bly beseech thy Infinite Majesty not to
forsake, nor suffer me to be Condemned in
thy terrible Judgment, but be Merciful un-
to me, and let thy dolorous Passion so help
me, that I may be an Inheritor of thy
Heavenly Kingdom, and enjoy Everlasting
Felicity : and let thy Holy Angel so keep
me, as the Infernal Enemy have never
Power over me, which, O Lord, for thy
Mercies sake grant me. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to God the Father, of Thanksgiving,
and for Forgiveness of Sins.*

I Offer unto thee (O Holy Father) the
Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving :
Rendering unto thee the calves of my Lips,
who of thy Goodness hast made me, and
of thy Mercy redeemed me. Hear there-
fore, O Lord, the Prayers of thy Servant,

and turn thine Ears unto me thy poor Creature. Day and Night will I pray unto thee, beseeching thee, that the Thoughts and Meditations of my Heart may be acceptable before thee; that my Mouth may speak of thy Righteousness, and my Tongue set forth thy Praise. O Holy Father, I beseech thee, that the inward desire of my Heart may move and incline thee to hear me. I accuse my sinful ways, and crave thy Mercy and Favour. O shew me thy Mercy, and forgive me my Sins; remember not the Sins and Offences of my Youth, but think of thy Mercies and Covenant made in Jesus Christ my only Mediator and Advocate. It is he, O Holy Father, whom thou didst send to obtain mercy for me. He was wounded for my Offences, and stricken for my Iniquities. He Died for my Sins, and through his Love and Mercy hath redeemed me. Therefore (O Father) for his sake forgive me all my Sins, give me the true love of thy Law, and great hate of all my Sins; that I may, through the Merits of his Death and Passion, dwell with thee everlastingly. And vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, keep and govern my Heart and Body, my Senses, Tongue, Talk, and Communication, in thy holy Laws, and works of thy Commandments. Grant also, O Lord

That thy Holy Angel may be with me, to direct me in the way of Peace, Truth and Health: That I may be whole, safe, and free in thee, and by thee, both in this World, and in the World to come. O King of Glory hear me, and save me; have pity and compassion upon me, thy weak and unworthy Child. O Lord, help me, shew thy mercy upon me, let me do that which is acceptable in thy sight, and prosper me in whatsoever I go about. Let me have an earnest desire to those things that will please thee: For unto thee alone do I fully and wholly yield and commit my self, which workest all in all to thy Honour and Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer unto God the Son, for Mercy and Forgiveness of Sins.

I Am ashamed, O Jesu, to lift up my Eyes unto thee: because my Sins are many, and are ascended, and come before thee: Shew thy Mercy upon me (O Lord) and hear me; my Heart is faint, my Soul is troubled, O Lord, make strong thy humble and unworthy Servant, that my Joy may always be in thee: receive me of thy Goodness into thy Favour, and shew thy Mercy upon me: for thou, O sweet Saviour, art merciful, which wilt not the Death of a Sinner, but that he live.

I therefore, a most wretched Sinner, beseech thee to look upon me with those Merciful Eyes wherewith thou didst behold *Peter* bitterly weeping, *Mary Magdalen*, and the Thief on the Cross: And cause me through thy great Goodness that I may with *Peter* weep, and worthily bewail my Sins; with *Mary* love thee with a pure and perfect Love; and with the Thief see and behold thee in Paradise. Give me (O Gracious Lord) a pure Intention; a clean Heart, and a regard to thy Glory. In all my Actions possess my Mind with thy Presence, and ravish it with thy Love. Be thou, (O Jesu) Light unto my Eyes, Musick unto my Ears, Sweetness unto my Taste, and Contentment to my Heart. I am not mine but thine; claim me as thy Right, keep me as thy Charge, love me as thy Child: defend me when I am assaulted, heal me when I am wounded; give me patience in Trouble, and let me never be confounded; humility in Comfort, modesty in Countenance, gravity in Behaviour, purity in Thoughts, righteousness in my Actions, constancy in Temptations, and Victory against my ghostly Enemy. O sweet Jesu, stay mine inclination from evil; bridle my Appetites with thy Grace, quenching me in all unlawful Desires; keep my Eyes from vain Sights, my Ears from hear-

hearing Evil; grant me an earnest desire to amend my Faults, to renew my good purposes, to perform good Intentions. Correct my Errors, erect my Infirmities; protect my good Endeavours, allay my Passions, and make me able to master them, that they may never draw me beyond the Rule of Piety. Make me humble to my Superiours, friendly to my Equals, charitable to my Enemies, and respectful to all. Grant me sorrow for my Sins, thankfulness for thy Benefits, fear of thy Judgments, love of thy Mercies, and mindfulness of thy Presence. *Amen.*

A very good Prayer to God the Holy Ghost for Remission of Sins.

O Heavenly God, I have found Favour in thy sight, suffer me a little to speak unto thee, and be no more angry with me, which by thy Wisdom rulest all things. Give me thy Holy Spirit, that being guided by the same, I may never be confounded. O comfort the Soul of thy Servant, and let thy Wisdom rule and guide me in the Paths of true Knowledge: Blessed is the Man that hath his Delight therein. I beseech thee, my God, make thou a perpetual abode with me, and send down from thy Throne of Majesty the Dew of thy Grace.

Grace into my Heart, that I may always please thee. O ſend down from Heaven the Spirit of Wiſdom, that I may have the true taſte thereof: incline thine Ear unto me, that theſe my humble Prayers may aſcend up before thee: humbly will I give attendance on thy merciful Hand, and wait for thy Saving-health. Behold me, O God, ſilly Soul, gaping for the ſhowers of thy Grace, like a barren and dry Land. O Holy Spirit of God, the third Perſon of the Deity, which by thy Divine Grace order-eſt all things, grant me the Spirit of Sanctification and Holineſs; plant in me an infallible Knowledge of thy Truth. O thou which art the Comfort, which enrich-eſt the Hearts of thy Faithful with the ſweet taſte of thy Word promiſed, breathe into my Heart a pure Faith, that I may acknowledge thee very God, God with the Father and the Son. Thou Seven-fold Diſpoſer of the Gifts of God, the Hope of Joy Celeſtial, pour into my Heart the Dew of thy Grace, that being filled with the ſweetneſs thereof, I may obey thy bleſſed Will. O Eternal God, equal with the Father and the Son, make ſtrong my Soul and my Body, that, by thy gracious Aid, I may overcome the Aſſaults of my ghottly Enemies, and believe and confeſs God the Father, and Jeſus Chriſt his Son, with the Holy

Holy Spirit, proceeding from them both, to be One God, in Persons Three, and everlasting in Trinity and Unity, to whom be given all laud, praise, honour and glory, evermore. *Amen.*

A Godly Prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

O Holy, Blessed, and Gracious Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons, and one Omnipotent and Everlasting God, Three in Trinity, and One in Unity! I praise thee, I worship thee, I glorifie thee, I give thanks unto thee for thy merciful Goodness, which wouldst, that I, being in darknes of Error and Ignorance, should be made partaker of thy Grace and Mercy. I beseech thee most Gracious and Blessed Trinity, forgive me my Sins, have mercy upon me, bring to pass the work of thy merciful Goodness begun in me, and lead me in all Piety and Goodness. O cause me always to think, speak, and do those things which shall be acceptable in thy sight, that after this Life I may have the Fruition of the Deity, that liveth and reigneth in perfect Union, World without end. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for a Woman with Child, for Deliverance, and for Forgiveness of Sins.

A Almighty and Merciful Father, which of thy gracious Goodneſs, haſt created me a Reasonable Creature, and of thy bountiful Goodneſs, haſt ſanctified my Womb; I moſt heartily thank thee for this gracious Gift, and for that thou haſt always preſerved me from all Perils of Body and Soul, and haſt ſo moderated all my Pains, Pinches, Throws, and Pangs, that I have hitherto right well endured them: Keep me (I beſeech thee) from all Peril and Danger, and at the appointed time ſafely deliver me. Thou haſt commanded us to call on thee in our Troubles, promiſing to hear us, and ſend us Deliverance, ſaying, I am with you in your Troubles, and will deliver you. O moſt comfortable Lord, who art more ready to help, than we to call for Help, more ready to give Grace, than we to ask for it! I ſue unto thee, and call upon thee faithfully, and ſay, O Father of Mercy, and God of all Conſolation and Comfort, I thy poor Handmaid humbly beſeech thee for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, and in his Bleſſed and Holy Name, that thou wilt vouchſafe to forgive me all my Sins and Offences wherewith I have offended thy Godly Majeſty, in Thought, Delight,

Delight, Word, or Deed : mercifully preserve me from henceforth, during my whole Life, from transgressing thy Commandment : Daily increase in me a perfect Repentance for my Sins, and a sure Purpose of Amendment of my Life, and a diligent study to walk in thy Commandments : Increase in me also a lively Faith, and a sure Hope : Ingraft in me humbleness of Heart, meekness of Mind, and cleanness of Conscience. Grant me that I may be Wise, Sad, Sober, Discreet, Circumspect, and Well-advised in all my Sayings : That I may strongly overcome all the Temptations of the Devil, the World, and the Flesh ; and whether I awake or sleep, eat or drink, live or die, or whatsoever I do, I may do all to thy Honour and Glory. Grant me, O Lord, that I may fear and dread thee, and that I may faithfully love my Husband, and be obedient to his honest Requests. And for the Deliverance of this Burthen, and thy gracious Gift, I am assured, that unless thou prosper my Travail, all Womens Help and Physick is in vain : Therefore I beseech thee, that like as thou hast created this Child in me, and breathed into it the Breath of Life, so at such time as shall seem good to thy Godly Majesty, thou wilt prosper the Birth and Deliverance. I humbly beseech thee, of thy
Fatherly

Fatherly Pity to strengthen me in this my dangerous Labour and Travel, and so sustain me, that I may patiently bear all my Pains and Pangs, and suffer them not to be above my Strength; and in the midst of all my Pains so comfort me, that I may be able to bear them. Increase my Faith, O most Merciful Saviour, and in the dangerous time of my Travail, grant me, I beseech thee, speedy Deliverance, and joyful beholding of my Child, that I being a worthy Mother, may render unto thee, Honour, Praise, Laud, and Thanks for thy abundant Mercy and gracious Benefits. And above all Things, I beseech thee, endue my Child with Grace, that it may be one of the Number of thy Elect, baptized, and regenerate in the Holy Ghost: and that it may, at the Years of Discretion learn to know thee, trust surely in thy Mercy, heartily love thee, fear to offend thee, obey thy Commandments, and attain Everlasting Joy and Felicity, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for a Woman after she is delivered of a Child.

O Most High, Mighty, and eternal God! I give all laud and praise unto thy Holy Name, I magnifie thy Might, and marvellous Works; I render unto thee the Sacrifice of my thankful Heart and unfeigned Lips: For that it hath pleased Thee of thy great Goodness, to give unto me thy poor Creature, so happy, safe and speedy Deliverance from my great Danger of Child-birth, and fully restored me to my former Strength. To thee therefore, O Father, with thy Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, will I give all Thanks and Praise, and magnifie thy glorious Name both now and evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer before the Receiving of the Communion.

O Jesus Christ, Holy and Eternal God! I miserable Man, and wretched Sinner, acknowledge and confess, that I am not worthy the least of all thy Mercies, and most unworthy to receive thee under the Roof of my Soul, by participating of thy most blessed Body and Blood: for horrible and infinite are the Sins wherewith I am defiled: Therefore the very Entrails of my Heart are troubled, and my Bones do

do shake, because I find my Soul a most unworthy Guest for so Heavenly a Supper. But thou camest not to call the Righteous, but Sinners to Repentance : and I know, and constantly believe, that notwithstanding my Sins, thou canst make me clean, and worthy, and forgive me my Sins ; and through thy Power and Mercy, I beseech thee, grant thy Grace unto me a Sinner, that I may worthily approach to this Heavenly Sacrament. Give me Grace that, before I presume to come to the receiving hereof, I may examine my self, call my Sins to mind, and by unfeigned and hearty Repentance, return unto thee, my Lord : Make me with heavy Sobs to confess my Sins, and pardon all my Offences : Accept me in thy Favour, cleanse me from my Wickedness, and forgive me all my Sins. Pour into me a true and lively Faith, that I may always trust in thy Word, (annexed to the Sacrament) which promiseth Remission of Sins. Also grant, that receiving this thy Sacrament, I may put off the Old-man, which is corrupt, according to the Lusts of Error, and be renewed in the Spirit of my Mind ; and put on the New-man, which after God is Created in Righteousness and Holiness of Truth : And tho' by Nature I cannot live without Spots of Sins, yet so bless me,

me, that I may never willingly offend thee, but altogether depend upon thy Goodness : And as a true penitent Sinner, repenting of my Sins, I may approach to thy Heavenly Supper. O Christ, which of thy unspeakable Love, tookest our Flesh upon thee, and didst become a Sacrifice and Ransome for all Mankind, and ordaineest this Sacrament of thy Supper : Unto thee do I cry, beseeching thee from the bottom of my Heart, that it may please thee to give me Grace with an earnest desire, and due Reverence to receive thy Supper, and thirstingly to seek for the nourishing of my Soul. Lift up my Mind, that in fear and trembling, in faith and spiritual Comfort, I may approach to the receiving of thy precious Body and Blood : Stir up in me an unfeigned desire of this Heavenly Food, that from Thee, the Bread of Life, and Fountain of Salvation, I may receive vital Juice, to the quickning of my Soul. O most sweet Bread, heal thou my Soul, that I may taste the Sweetness of thy Love : Heal my Infirmities, that I may delight only in Thee : Let my Heart eat Thee, and with thy sweet Favour replenish the Bowels of my Soul.

Come into my Heart, and purge me from all my Sins : Enter into my Soul, heal and sanctifie me within and without. Grant that

that I may always worthily receive this blessed Sacrament and Memorial of thy Death, according to thy Holy Ordinance, that it may increase in me all Goodness. Be thou the Buckler and perpetual Defence of my Soul and Body, that I may come into thy Kingdom, where I shall behold thee Face to Face: whither Lord, for thy Mercies sake bring me. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after the Receiving of the Holy Communion.

O Jesus Christ, which hast vouchsafed Spiritually to give me those Holy Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, mortifie whatsoever is evil in me, and garnish me with thy Graces and Vertues: Renew my Spirit, my Soul and my Body, with thy excellent Grace: Frame me after thy own Hearts desire, and grant that I may Think, Speak, Do, and desire all Things that may please Thee. Purge my Conscience from dead Works, to serve thee the Living God. I thank thee for all Reverence of Mind, for bidding me, a miserable Sinner, unto the Participation of thy Holy Supper, and the receiving of all Celestial Riches, whereby thou bestowest on me particularly, all the Merits and the good Things, which by thy Death thou hast purchased for me; that I may be

be a Partaker and Fellow-heir of Eternal Blessedness. O Sacred Banquet, where my Soul received such Heavenly Dainties to comfort the Soul, and refresh the inward Man ! I humbly beseech thee, by thy most Sacred Blood shed for me, give me Grace, that participating of this visible Sacrament, I may find and feel in my Heart the invisible working of thy Heavenly Grace ; that as this is some refreshing to my Body, so it may be a Spiritual Medicine for my Soul. Raise up in me by this Holy Sacrament, a continual Remembrance of thy bitter Passion ; make me retain it in my Mind, as a sufficient Ransom of my Redemption. Let me never doubt of the Forgiveness of my Sins ; and as often as Satan assaileth me with his deadly Temptations, give me Grace to run to this Sanctuary, as to a strong Armour of Defence ; so that no Tribulation, Anguish, nor Persecution, Nakedness, Peril, Sword, Life, or Death, separate me from Christ my Head, whereupon being made fast by the Holy Sacrament received, I (as a living Member) depend. And let me know, that I am fed and nourished by thy Flesh and precious Blood, that, washed therewith, I give not my self hereafter to Carnal Pleasures, but live in all Sincerity and Truth, as it becomes those
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that eat of the Immaculate Paschal Lamb
And I beseech thee, by thy bitter Death
stir up my Mind, that by often receiving
this thy Holy Institution, I may consider
how bitter a Death thou didst suffer for me,
and how great thy Love was, that made
thee to take so shameful a Death for the
Redemption of Mankind; and continually
to yield thee hearty Thanks for the same.
O sweet Jesus, grant, if I sin through
Frailty, that I may by and by come unto
thee by Repentance; and being by this
Holy Myſtery fast linked unto thee, I may
receive Power and Strength from thee to
resist Sin. Suffer me not to be separated
from thy Church, but grant that I may be
without Fault, and commit no Sin, but
walk worthy of thy Sacrament, renouncing
the Devil and all Idolatry, Vices and car-
nal Desires. Let me not fear to suffer, and
give my Life for the Glory of thy Name,
that I be never separated from thee. Give
me Grace, that laying aside all Wrathful-
ness, Maliciouſness, and Envy, I may
forgive every one as thou hast forgiven me.
Give me Grace, that I participating of
the Bread of Eternal Life, I may be re-
plenished with the Fruition of thy blessed
ſight, in the Celestial Paradise for ever.
And at my Reſurrection from Death, ap-
point me a place, O Merciful Lord, at
thy

thy Heavenly Table, where I may taste the new Wine of the Kingdom of thy Father, abiding with thy Elect Angels and Blessed Saints, for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer to make strong his Faith against Temptation. And may be said by a sick Person.

O Lord Jesu, the only Stay and Defence of my Immortal State, my only Hope and Salvation, my Glory and my Triumph ; who in the Flesh (which for my sake thou tookest upon thee) didst suffer thy self to be tempted of Satan, and who only and alone didst overcome and vanquish Sin, Death, the World, the Devil, and the Kingdom of Hell for me, and for my behalf ; and whose Pleasure it is that I should keep Battel with those Evils, of purpose to reward me with a Crown of Glory for it. Give me, I beseech thee, O Lyon, most victorious Strength against the roaring Lyon which continually wandreth up and down seeking whom he may devour. Thou being the Serpent that was nailed on high, the true Giver of Health, give unto me thy Wisdom to withstand the wiles of the most subtil Serpent. Thou being a Lamb, as white as Snow, the Vanquisher of Satan's Tyranny, give unto me (one of thy Sheep) the Strength and Vertue of thy Spirit, that through thy Force
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and Valour I may withstand and overcome all the Assaults of the Devil ; that my Ghostly Enemy may not glory over me but that I may Conquer him through thee and give Thanks unto thee, which ever helpeth those that trust in thee. My Soul O Lord, longeth for thy Salvation, and have a good and sure Hope therein. O when wilt thou comfort me a Sinner, that do give and submit my self full and wholly to thy most blessed Will ? I commit my self unto thy Mercy, therefore I know I shall not perish. I beseech thee, most Merciful Lord Jesus Christ, that thou wilt by thy Grace, both now and ever make strong my Soul against all Temptations, and cover and defend me with thy Buckler of thy Mercies against all the Assaults of the Devil. I acknowledge that in my self there is no hope of Salvation but the Hope, Trust, and Confidence of my Salvation, is in thy most merciful Goodness. I have no Goodness in me, but am full of Evil : Yet I trust, and faithfully believe, that thou wilt make me good. Forgive me my Sins, and make me an Inheritor of thine Everlasting Kingdom. O Merciful Lord, thou wast born, thou didst hunger and thirst, fast and pray ; thou didst suffer grievous Pains ; thou gavest thy most precious Body to die, and thy Blood

Blood to be shed for my sake ; let these Things, O most Merciful Saviour, save me. Let thy Blood cleanse and wash the Spots and Foulness of my Sins. Let thy Righteousness cover and hide my Unrighteousness. Let thy Passion and Blood be a Satisfaction for my Sins. Take me, O Lord, unto thee, and give me thy Grace, that my Faith waver not, but be ever firm and constant : that the Hope of thy Mercy, and Life Everlasting never decay in me ; that Charity wax not cold in me ; that the weakness of my Flesh be not overcome with the Fear of Death.

And vouchsafe, O Lord, to send me Patience and Sufferance, that I may steadfastly continue unto the end, and after live with thee in Eternal Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Sick Person.

Laud, Honour, and Thanks, be given to Thee, most Merciful Lord Jesus Christ, for thy Holy Incarnation, thy Pains and bitter Passion. I know that thou art my Redeemer and Saviour, I believe thou hast overcome Sin, Death, Hell, and the Devil, so as they cannot hurt me.

On Thee do I build, in thee is my Trust and Comfort. O Lord be gracious and merciful unto me, according to thy great Mercies. Leave me not, O Lord, in Distress,

ſtreſs, but deliver me from all Evil ſtrengthen and conduct my Soul in the great Journey that it is to go, and through thy Mercy forgive me all my Sins, and grant me Everlaſting Life. I have no Merits nor Good-works, which I may acknowledge before thee ; but of Evil-deeds and Sins I have many. Yet I truſt through thy Mercy, to be among the Number of them that ſhall be ſaved, to whom thou wilt not impute their Sins, but take them to Everlaſting Life. O moſt Merciful God which according to the multitude of thy Mercies doſt put away the Sins of thoſe which truly Repent, that thou rememberſt them no more ; open the Eyes of Mercy and look upon me thy Sick Servant ; and pardon and forgive me, I moſt earneſtly deſire thee, all my Sins. Renew in me, moſt Loving Father, whatſoever hath been decayed by Sin, by the Fraud and Malice of the Devil, or by my own Carnal Will and Frailty : Preſerve and continue me in the Unity of thy Church : Conſider my Contrition, accept my Prayers and Tears, aſſwage my Pain as ſhall be ſeen to thee moſt expedient for me ; and for that I put my full truſt only in thy Mercy, impute not unto me, I beſeech thee, my former Sins and Offences ; but pardon and forgive me, and take me into thy Favour thro' the

Merits

Merits of Jesus Christ. I believe only in thee, and thy incomparable Mercy : and this Faith, O Lord, will I die in ; keep me that I shrink not from thee, through Pain, Smart, Impatience, Temptation, or any Thing else ; but strengthen me, and increase my Faith, that Sin, Death, Hell, and the Devil hurt me not ; for thou art stronger and mightier than they : and in thee do I trust. O pitiful Physician, and Healer of Soul and Body, let me not be confounded in Sin, but vouchsafe to cast thy merciful Eyes upon me a poor and sinful Creature, who am bound and captive with Sickness. Turn my Weakness to thy Glory, and to my Health and Comfort. And grant that I may, so long as I live, with a true and perfect Faith, fight manfully against all Temptations of Sin, the Flesh, the World, and the Devil, and after this Life reign with thee in Eternal Glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Sinner, to be said at the Hour of Death.

O Lord Jesus Christ, which art the only Health of all Men living, and the everlasting Life of them that die in thee ! wretched Sinner do submit my self wholly unto thy most blessed Will ; and being sure that the thing cannot perish which is committed

mitted unto thy Mercy, willingly now I leave this frail and sinful Flesh, in sure hope thou wilt in better wise restore it to me again at the latter Day, in the Resurrection of the Just. I beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou wilt by thy Grace make strong my Soul against all Temptations, and defend me with the Buckler of thy Mercy against all the Assaults of the Devil. I see in my self no hope of Salvation, but all my trust is in thy rich Mercy and Goodness. I have no Merit which I may alledge before thee. Of Sins and Evil-deeds, alas, I see a great heap. But I trust through thy Mercy to be one of them that shall be Saved, and to whom thou wilt not impute their Sins, but will accept and take me for Just, and make me an Inheritor of Everlasting Life. Thou gavest thy Body to die, and thy Blood to be shed for my Sins, let that thy Blood cleanse and wash away all my Spots, Sins and Offences, and be a full Satisfaction for all my Sins. Let not my Faith waver, but be firm and constant in thee, and in the hope of thy Mercy, and Life Everlasting. And let not the Weakness of my Flesh be overcome with the Fear of Death; but grant, O most Merciful Father, that when Death hath shut up the Eyes of my Body, my Soul may still behold and look upon

upon thee. And when Death hath taken away the use of my Tongue and Speech, my Heart may cry, and say, O Lord into thy Hands I give and commend my Soul ; and with thy holy Martyr *Stephen*, I may behold thee in Soul, and say, Lord Jesus receive my Soul unto thee, which livest and reignest God Everlasting, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

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EXHORTATION

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Forfake the W O R L D.

TAke, good Christian, the Memory of Death for thy perpetual Sphere, and unseparable Spouse. Let thy children by bitter Sighs of a sorrowful Soul possess thy Body as thy Bondman ; let thy Friendship with thy Celestial Powers ; they will be Patrons unto thee in thy Final Passage. Remember you are in the waning, and the date of your Pilgrimage is well near expired, and now it moveth you to look toward your Coun-

try. Your Force languisheth, your Senses impair, your Body droopeth, and on every side the ruinous Cottage of your faint and feeble Flesh threatneth fall. And having so many Harbingers of Death, how can you but prepare for so dreadful a Stranger? The Young may die quickly, but the Old cannot live long. The Young Man's Life by Casualty may be abridg'd, but the Old by no Phylick can be preserv'd. Green Years must think of the Grave, and the Thoughts of Old-Age should always dwell in the same. Be mindful of things pass'd, careful of things present, and provident of things to come. Use the Privileges of Nature to the Benefit of your Souls. Be wise in well-doing, and watchful for your End. Serve not the World, for it can give you nothing that's good and permanent, but of Pride, Envy, Lechery, Hatred, Anger, Malice, Folly, and all evil Things infinite; where Man is defiled with Sin, disquieted with Troubles, oppress'd with Labours, vexed with Temptations, overcome with vain Delights and Pleasures of the World, and miserably wrapped in many Calamities. It is an Ambassadour of the Evil, a Scourge of the Good, a Tyrant of the Vertuous, a Breaker of Peace, a Friend of War, a Sweet of Vices, a Gall of Vertues, a Friend and V

Friend of Lyes, and Inventer of Novel-
ties, a Travel to the Ignorant, a Hammer
for the Malicious, a Table of Gluttons, a
Furnace of Concupiscence, a Peril of the
Heart, a Danger of the Thoughts, a Se-
pulchre of the Dead, a Prison of the Living,
a Pit-fall to the Rich, a Burden to the
Poor, a House of Pilgrims, a Den of Thieves,
a Slanderer of the Good, a Renowner of
the Wicked, a Deceiver of all. We have
no cause to love the World; for it gave us
an unhappy Welcome, a hurtful Entertain-
ment, and will abandon us with an unfortu-
nate Farewel. Also it doth torment us, expel
us, and consume us: and Heaven doth com-
fort us, keep us, exalt us, rejoyce us, and e-
ternally continue in us. You have too long
sow'd in a Field of Flint, which could bring
forth nothing but a Crop of Care, and
Affliction of Spirit, rewarding your La-
bours with Remorse, and affording for
your Gain Eternal Damage; it is time to
leave so Unthriving a Husbandry, and to
sow in God's Field the Seeds of Repentant
Sorrow, and water them with the Tears
of humble Contrition, so shall you reap
a more Beneficial Harvest, and gather the
Fruits of Everlasting Comfort. Think
your Spring is spent, your Summer over-
past, you are arriv'd at the fall of the Leaf,
and Winter-colours have stain'd your hoary
Head.

Head. Though our loving Lord bear long with Offenders, yet He will scourge them, and his Patience is only to lend us respite to Repent, not leisure to Sin. He that is toss'd with many Storms, and cannot come to his desired Port, maketh little Way, but is much Turmoiled. So he that passeth many Years, and purchaseth small Profit, hath a long Being, but a short Life, for Life is more to be measured by Vertuous Actions, than number of Days. Some Men by many Days procure many Deaths, and others in a short space attain Life Everlasting. What is the Body without the Soul, but a Corrupt Carcass? And what is the Soul without God, but a Sepulchre of Sin? Man was made and sent hither to no other purpose, but only to Serve God in this Life, and to enjoy Heaven and Life Everlasting in the World to come. If our End be the Kingdom of Heaven, why affect we so much the Earth? If we were made for God, why seek we greedily the Favour of worldly Men? If the Design of our Creation be Eternal Salvation, why follow we Vanities and Temporalities of this Life? If our Inheritance be to Reign as Kings in Heaven, why do we, like *Esau*, sell away our Birth-right for Vanities before we have it? And why live we like servile Slaves, in danger to be divided from God

and his Angels, from our Saviour Christ, and the Communion of Saints, from Hope of our Inheritance, our Celestial Portion and Life Everlasting? If God be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, he that goeth without Him, strayeth; he that liveth without Him dieth; and he that is not Taught by Him, erreth. God is our True and Chief Life, from whom the revolting is falling; unto whom the returning is rising; in whom the staying is sure standing. God is He, from whom to depart, is to die; to whom to repair, is to revive; in whom to dwell, is to live. Be not you like those that begin not to live till they be ready to die, and then after a Foe's desert, come to crave of God a Friend's Entertainment; not in time looking for their Salvation; but living like the Three worldly Fools: The Covetous, as he in the Gospel, who had laid up for many Years, and that Night had his Soul taken from him: The Voluptuous, as *Sardanapalus*, who perish'd in the midst of his Pleasures. The Proud or Phantastical, whom the Devil overcometh either with vain Delights, or Pride in himself; who disdains his Superiours, because they are better than himself; his Equals, because he is as good as they; his Inferiours, because they are not so good as himself. Some think to snatch Heaven in

a Moment, which the best scarce attained in many Years; and when they have glutted themselves with worldly Delights, they would jump from *Dives's* Diet to *Lazarus's* Crown; and from the Service of Satan to the Solace of a Saint. But be sure that God is not so penurious of Friends, or his Kingdom so saleable for the refuse and reversion of their Lives, who have sacrificed the Principal thereof to his Enemies, and to their own brutish Appetites; then only ceasing to Sin, when ability of offending is taken from them. What Thanks is it to pardon our Enemies, when we cannot hurt them? To give away our Goods, when we cannot keep them any longer? To abandon our Pleasures, when we can use them no more? To forsake Sin, when Sin leaveth us? God may be merciful at the last Gasps, but Miserable is that Man that layeth the Anchor of his Eternal Wealth or Woe upon so uncertain a Point.

The Thief may be Saved on the Cross, and Mercy found at the last; yet it is scarce credible, That his Death should find Favour, whose Life earned Wrath; or that his Repentance should be accepted, that more for fear of Hell, and love of himself, than for love of God, or loathsomeness of Sin, crieth for Mercy. Wherefore make no delay; but being near breaking up of
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your Mortal House, before Extremity, take time to satisfy God's Justice. Though you suffered the Bud to be blasted, the Flower to fade, the Fruit to perish, the Leaves to dry up, the Boughs to wither, and the Body of the Tree to decay, yet keep Life in the Root, for fear lest the whole become Fuel for Hell-fire. For where the Tree falleth, there it lieth: And such Sap as it bringeth, such Fruit shall it bear. Imagine that Death hath filed from you the better part of your Natural Forces, and left you the Lees of your Dying Days. Therefore ransom your former Losses; you are impathed in your final Voyage, and are not far from the Period of your Course; be not therefore dis-purveyed of such Things as are needful in so perillous a Journey. Men in this Life labour much to get worldly Things, they do carefully begin them, will procure them, and effectually end them. But of the great Affair of winning Heaven, or falling into Hell, there is had no respect; neither do they remember, that there is a Hell for Sinners, a Heaven for Good-livers; a dreadful Day of Judgment, and a most strict Account to be made. Death it self is very fearful; but much more terrible in regard of the Judgment to which it Summons us. If you were laid on your departing Bed; wearied

and worn with Dolour and Pain, burthened with the heavy Load of your former Trespases, goared with the Prick and Sting of a Festered Conscience, if you felt the force of Death wresting your Heart-strings, ready to make the rueful divorce between Body and Soul ; if you lay panting for Breath, sweating a fatal, faint and mortal Sweat, wearied with struggling against deadly Pangs ; O how much would you give for a Day's Contrition, or an Hour's Repentance. Then Worlds would be worthless in respect of a little respite. Nothing would be so much esteem'd as a Moment of Time, which now by Months and Years is lavishly mis-spent. O how deeply would it wound your Hearts, when looking back into your Life, you found many Faults committed, and not repented ; many good Deeds omitted, and not recovered ; your Service to God promised, and not performed ! How inconsolable were your Case, your Friends being fled, your Senses frightened, your Thoughts amazed, your Memory decayed, your Mind agast, and no part able to perform what it should, but only your guilty Conscience pestered with Sin that would continually accuse you ? What would you do, when stripped out of mortal Weeds, and turned out of Service, and House-room of this World, you are forced

to enter into uncouth and strange Paths ;
and with an unknown and ugly Company ;
to be Convented before a most severe Judge,
carrying in your own Conscience your
Indictment ready written, and a perfect
Register of all your Misdeeds, when you
should see our Saviour Christ (a Just and
Severe Judge, whose Knowledge is Infal-
lible, his Power Infringible, his Justice in-
flexible) of exceeding Dreadful Majesty,
cloathed in Linen-apparel, through which
his Body shineth like precious Stones, his
Eyes like burning Lamps, his Face like
flaming Lightning, his Arms and Legs
like inflamed Brass, his Voice as the shout
of a Multitude of People, prepared (for
your idle Words, evil Deeds, Time mispent,
Talent evil governed, and for your Sin
committed) to pass the Sentence upon you ;
against whom you had transgressed, and
He your Umpire, whom by many Offen-
ces you have made your Enemy ; when
you shall see all Things cry for Vengeance
against you, all Things yield you cause of
Fear and Horrour : Above you, the Judge
offended with you for your Wickedness
and Offences : Beneath you Hell open, and
the Cruel Furnace ready to receive you ;
on your Right-hand, your Sins accusing
you ; on your Left-hand, the Devil stand-
ing ready to execute God's Everlasting Sen-
tence

tence upon you : within you your Conscience accusing : without you Damned Souls bewailing ; on every side the World burning, and you standing as a most Desperate, Forlorn, and Miserable Wretch, to receive the Fearful and Irrecoverable Sentence : When not only the Devils, but also the Angels shall plead against you, and your self, maugre your self, be your sharpest Ap-
preacher ? What would you do in those Dreadful Exigents, when you saw the Gastly Dungeon and huge Gulf of Hell breaking out with most fearful Flames ? When you saw the weeping and gnashing of Teeth, the rage of these Hellish Monsters, the horrors of the Place, the rigour of the Pain, and terror of the Company, and the Eternity of all these Punishments, where the Fire is unquenchable, the Pains unsupportable, easeless, endless, and hopeless ? Our Fire may be endured ; that is, intolerable : Ours is for Comfort, that for Torment : Ours must be fed, or it goeth out ; that burneth continually without feeding : Ours giveth Light, that none ; ours consumeth the Matter, and endeth the Pain ; that tormenteth, but never consumeth to make the Pain perpetual ; our Fire will be extinguished with Water, or cooled with Air ; but nothing can extinguish it, abate it, or qualifie it ; Ours is but painted
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in regard to that. There Idle Persons shall be pricked with burning Forks ; Gluttons tormented with Hunger and Thirst ; Epicures and Voluptuous Persons shall boil in burning Pitch, and stinking Brimstone : The Proud shall have Shame ; the Covetous miserable Penury, where there is no Rest nor Comfort : The Poor and Meek shall triumph ; and the Proud shake ; then shall the Wicked sigh, and the Memory of Misery be sweet ; the Godly shall rejoyce ; the Reprobate howl ; then shall base Apparel be glorious, and proud Attire infamous ; the poor Cottage shall be no more commended than the gilded Palace praised ; simple Obedience shall be better than subtilty ; and a clear Conscience more pleasant than profound Philosophy ; zealous Prayers shall be of more worth than fine Tales : Good-works more accepted than sweet Words.

Would you then think them Wise that delay so weighty Matters, and idly play away the Time allotted to prevent these intolerable Calamities ? Would you then account it secure to nurse in your Bosom so many Serpents as Sins ? Or to foster in your Soul so many malicious Accusers, as mortal Faults ? Would you not think one Life too little to make Repentance for so many Iniquities, the least whereof is enough
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to cast you into Everlasting and unspeakable Torment ? On your Body, you shall experience those deadly Agonies ; in your Soul you shall find those terrible Fears ; and in that present Estate the deepest Danger, if you do not the sooner return unto God. Then devote the Remnant of your Days to make an Atonement with God, and to free your Conscience from such Corruption, as by Sin you are fallen into. What have you gotten by being so long a Customer unto the World, but false Ware suitable to such a Merchant's Shop, whose Traffick, is Toil ; Wealth, Trash ; and Gain, Misery ? What Interest have you reaped that may equal your Detriment in Grace and Vertue ? Or what in a Vale of Tears can you find comparable to the Favour of God ? Let not Youthful Passions delude you, for Time proves them Follies : Let not Fear mislead you, for there is more cause to fear God than Man, and to stand in awe more of perpetual than temporary Punishments. Who would venture Eternal Affairs upon the gliding Slipperiness of uncertain Life ? O ! who but one of distempered Wit, would offer Fraud to the Decypherer of all Thoughts ; with whom we may dissemble to our Cost, but to deceive him, it is impossible ? Will you account it cunning to rob the Time from him,

him, and beſtow it upon his Enemies, who keepeth Tale of the leaſt Minutes of our Life, and will examine in the End, how each Moment hath been employed? It is prepoſterous Policy to fight againſt God till our Weapons be blunted, our Forces conſumed, our Limbs impotent, our Breath ſpent; and when we are fallen for Faintneſs, and fought our ſelves almoſt Dead, to preſume of his Mercy, whom we have ſo much offended.

It were a ſtrange and exhorbitant Courſe, while the Ship is ſound, the Pilate well, the Sailers ſtrong, the Gale favourable, and the Sea calm, to lie idle at Road, loſing ſo ſeaſonable Weather: And when the Ship leaketh, the Pilot ſick, the Mariners faint, the Storm boiſterous, and the Sea turmoiled with outragious Surges, then to lanch forth, hoist Sail, and ſet out for a far Voyage. Such are our Evening Repenters, who in the ſoundneſs of Health and perfect uſe of Reaſon, cannot reſolve to cut the Cables, and weigh the Anchors that hold them from God; but when their Senſes are aſtoniſhed, their Wits diſtracted, their Underſtanding dulled, and both Body and Mind tormented with Gripes of mortal Sickneſs, then will they think of theſe weightieſt Matters, and become ſudden Saints, that are ſcarce like Reaſonable Creatures.

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How can one animated with inward Garboils of unsettled Conscience, distained with Fits of dying Flesh, maimed in all his Abilities, and circled with so many strange Incumbrances, be fit to dispose of his chiefest Jewel, his Soul ; and to dispatch the whole manage of all Eternity, and Treasure of Heaven, in so short a Space ? They that will loiter in Seed-time, and begin to Sow when others Reap ; they that will riot in Health, and cast up their Accounts when they cannot Speak ; they that will sleep in the Day, and journey in the Night ; let them blame their own Folly, if they die in Debt, and fall headlong into Eternal Perdition.

Let the Grief of your Sore be the Measure of your Sorrow : Let a deep Wound have a diligent Cure : Let their Contrition be according to their Crime, and their Repentance like their Sins. We must pass the Day in mourning, the Night in Watching and Weeping, our whole Time in doleful lamenting ; fall prostrate on the Ground, humbling our selves in Sackcloth and Ashes. Not every short sigh will be a sufficient Satisfaction ; not every knock a Warrant to get in ; many cry, Lord, Lord, and are not accepted. The Foolish Virgins knockt, but were not admitted: *Judas* had sorrow, yet died desperate.

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Linger not off thy Conversion from Day to Day, for suddenly will his Wrath come and destroy thee.

Let no Man sojourn long in sinful Security, nor put over his Repentance till Fear enforce him to it : Let us frame our Beginning as we mean to End ; and endeavour to live as we desire to die. Shall we offer the main Crop to the Devil, and leave God the Gleaning ? Shall we gorge the Devil with our fairest Fruits, and turn God to feed on the Scraps of his Leavings ? If Hell-fire were prepared for the Devil, and the Kingdom of Heaven for Man ; let us then provide for our selves, and not lose our Inheritance by persisting in Sin.

So long as we live, it is possible by unfeigned Repentance, to wash away all our Sins, how great soever. But when we are dead, albeit our Teeth do gnash, our Mouths cry out, our Eyes gush forth Tears, and our Hearts from the bottom of them, lament with innumerable Complaints, it shall not avail us ; no Man shall hear us, no Man shall assist us, not so much as comfort us. Then shalt thou find that thou hast lost all thy Labour and Time, and all Opportunities for thine own Commodity. Thou shalt then find thy Error irrecoverable, thy Punishment insupportable, thy Repen-

Repentance unprofitable, and thy Grief, Sorrow and Calamity inconsolable.

O that we would suffer the Soul (as she should) to have the Sovereignty, and the Body follow the sway of her Directions, and not let servile Senſes, and lawleſs Appetites rule her as Superiours, and make her a Vaſſal in her own Dominions; nor ſuffer her to be miſſed by her three Suitors: The *World*, which promiſeth all fair Things and beautiful; but will ſerve you as *Laban* did *Jacob*, who promiſed him fair *Rachel* for his Service, but deceived him with blear-ey'd *Leah*: The *Fleſh*, who pretendeth nothing but Love unto her, but if he overcome her, it will betray her to her Enemy, as *Dalilah* did *Sampſon* unto the *Philiftines*: The *Devil*, who will promiſe her all the World, as he did Chriſt; but if he win her, he will devour and torment her! Doſt thou not deſire to have all things good, as good Houſes, good Furniture, good Apparel, good Fare, good Cattel; Yea, and thy Hoſe and Shooes good? Only thy poor Soul, thy principal Charge, (and of all things worthy to be the beſt) thou art content ſhall be the worſt, and lie cankring and ruſting in all kind of Evils. O unſpeakable Blindneſs, that reſuſeſt to wear an evil Shooe, and doſt not care to carry an ugly and deformed Soul! Alas!

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Let us not set so little by that which God prizeth so much, nor rate our Soul at so base a Pennyworth, being of so peerless Dignity.

If the Soul be so inestimable, that not all the Gold and Treasure, nor any thing of less Price, than the Blood and Life of the Almighty God was able to buy it ; If not all the Dainties that Heaven and Earth could afford, but only God's own precious Body was deemed a Repast fit to Feed it : If not all the Creatures of this, or Millions of new Worlds (if they were) but only the illimitable Goodness and Majesty of God, can satisfy the Desire, or fill the Compass and Capacity of it ; (For who is so insensible, that findeth not the insatiety of his Soul ?) Who but of perverse Will, incredulous Mind, or pitiless Spirit, would set more by the World, than his Soul's Health ? Or suffer so Noble a Paragon, so many Months and Years to lie channelled in Ordure, and mired in all Sin ? We will seek a Physician for our sick Servant, have a Leech for our diseased Horse, and mend our torn Garment : And yet we suffer our Souls to die for want of Cure, and seeing them mangled with many Vices, never seek to restore them to the wonted Integrity. Is our Servant more near, our Beast more precious, or our Coat more dear

dear than our own Soul? We live like Epicures, we sin like Atheists, we struggle and strive against God's Callings, and like violent Rebels, scorn his Commandments; and with daily and damnable Wounds, barbarously stabs our unfortunate Souls. This we account no contumely, we reckon it no discredit; but rather register it for our chiefest praise. How long wilt thou thus follow Vanities and Sins, running carelessly and willfully into your own Ruin? Dare you not suffer a Spider or a Toad to come near you, and can you nestle in your Souls so many Vipers as Vices, and permit it to be so long chewed and wearied with the poison'd Jaws and Tusks of the Devil? Is our Soul so vain a Substance, to be had in so little esteem? Did Christ become a wandring Pilgrim, exiling himself from the Comfort of his Godhead, and passing Thirty three Years in Pain and Penury for our Souls? He suffered the Tragedy of his Passion, bloodily inflicted, and patiently accepted. He made his Body as a Cloud to dissolve into Showers of innocent Blood, and suffer the dearest Veins of his Heart to be lanced, to give a full Price for our Soul's Redemption. If Christ did Redeem us with so excessive a Ransome, why sell we our Souls to the Devil for every vain Delight, and silly pittance of worldly Pelf?

O that a Creature of so incomparable a Price should be the Demain of so unnatural Keepers ! And that which is in it self so gracious and amiable, that the Angels and Saints Delight to behold it, should by Sin be made so loathsome, as to become a horror to Heaven, and a suitly Sphere for the foulest Fiends ! We must remember, our Soul is not only a part of us, and the most principal, but also the Temple, the Paradise, and Spouse of Almighty God ; by him in Baptism garnished, stored, and endowed with most gracious Ornaments. How will He take it, to see his Temple prophaned, and turned to a Den of Devils ? His Paradise displanted, and made a Wilderness of Serpents ? His Spouse deflowered, and become an Adultress to his Enemy ? Durst we offer such Usage to our Prince ? Would not the fear of the Law, and popular Shame, keep us from it ? And shall not the Reverend Majesty of Almighty God, and the unrebated Justice of his angry Sword terrifie us from offering the like to his own Spouse ? Will He, that keepeth account of our very Hairs, see himself so much wronged in the principal, and pass it unpunished ? Remember it is a thing full of Horror to fall into the Hands of God, who is able to crush the proud Spirits of the Obstinate, and make his
Enemy

Enemy his Footstool. Wrestle not against the Cries of your own Consciences, but live so, as he may willingly go with you, and before the Throne of God Answer for you.

There was a Man had Three Friends, Two whereof he loved most entirely, the Third he made no great Account of. This Man being sent for to come before his King, came and desired his first Friend to go with him; but he would not go with him, but brought him part of his Way. He went to the second Friend, and desired him to go with him; but he could not; but gave him something for a Remembrance. He went unto the third Friend, of whom he made no account or reckoning, and he went with him to the King, and Answered for him in all Matters whatsoever.

So Man in this World being sent for by Death, comes to his Wife, Children, or Friends, to go with him; but they will not, but bring him to his Grave. Then he desires his Goods and Substance to go along with him; they cannot, yet they can give him a Sheet. But his Conscience will go with him, and Answer for him before the Throne of God. Have therefore a care to keep a good Conscience, and provide afore-hand, as the King of whom I tell you did.

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There was a Country where the Commons chose their King, and again at their pleasure Banished him into a far Country, almost naked. One more Wise than others, as soon as he was chosen King, sent daily and continually something into the other Country : so, when his own People banished him from them, he was (having made a good Preparation before) most Princely and Royally received there.

So let us provide in this World, that we may be joyfully received into Heaven. If you would avoid vain Pleasures, cast away worldly Cares, think on Celestial Things, regard your Salvation, and now in Life lay up Treasure in Heaven, and provide to be received into Everlasting Joy ; What a quiet Conscience should you have ? What a Joy should you feel in your Soul ? Set then your Mind on God, account your self a Pilgrim on Earth, leave the Affairs of the World, for this is no abiding place. For small Wages Men run far, for a little Money Men shamefully contend, and weary themselves Night and Day, and for mean Profit labour long : But for Eternal Life, Goods immutable, Rewards inestimable, Honour endless, and immortal Glory, few will take any pains, or step out of Doors. God is the Way inviolable wherein we must walk, the Truth infallible whereunto we must trust,

trust, and the Life Everlasting wherein we must hope : Therefore embrace Mercy before the time of Rigour, and return by Repentance, lest He bar you his Kingdom. You have been too long in the Tabernacle of Sinners, and strayed too far from the Fold of God's Flock : Turn the Bias of your Heart to the City of Refuge, and your Salvation. Recompence your Steps, trodden in Folly, with a zealous Progress to Christian Perfection. Your Spring-tide is fallen, the Stream of your Life runneth at a low Ebb ; Your tired Ship begins to leak, and grate on the Gravel of your Grave : It is high time to strike Sail, and to put into Harbour, lest some sudden Gust, and the wicked Weather of this Time, dash you on the Rock of Eternal Ruin. Tender the pitiful Estate of your own Soul, and be hereafter fearful of Hell, and more eager of Heaven than of worldly repose. I must conclude, unless I be too tedious, in a Matter that deserves to be endless : For the Misery of the Soul is so great if it fall, the Reward is so excessive if it stand, the Enemy so Malicious that assaults it, the Judge so Just that must proceed upon it ; that to raise it from the lapse, and to preserve it from Recidivation, no number of Helps can be more than needful, nor any Persuasion more vehement than necessary.

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However therefore the soft Gale of your Morning Pleasures lulled you in slumbring Fits ; howsoever the violent Heat at Noon might stir up your Affections ; yet in the Cool and Calm of the Evening, retire to a Christian Rest, and close up the Day of your Life with a clear Sunset, that leaving all Darkness behind you, and carrying in your Conscience the Light of Grace, you may escape the Horror of an Eternal Night, and pass from a Mortal Day, to an Everlasting Morrow : Which the Lord grant, for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

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To fear DEATH.

MA N was made to die, begotten to die, born to die, and came into the World to die ; and none ought to desire to live. Nothing is more sure than Death ; nothing is more uncertain than
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when, where, or how. None hath reason to regard the World, wherein we have nothing good or permanent, but a Vale of Vanity and Vexation of Mind (*quia nemo sua sorte contentus*) no Man is content with his own Estate. It is a vital Labyrinth, and confused Chaos, affording us nothing but Fraud, Folly, and fleshly Sensuality. All things in it offend us; the Fire burns us; the Water drowns us; the Heat grieves us; the Cold hurts us; the Day is toilsome; the Night uncomfortable; and we can endure no dolorous thing: So the Time we live in this World cannot be accounted Life, but a living Death. Our wretched remaining here is such, that our Time daily diminisheth, and our Troubles increase. All that have been born, are born, or shall be born, are in this Life miserable; all crost with Cares; some with loss of Friends, some of Children, some of Goods, some oppress'd with Foes, some abused with Backbiters and Slanderers, their Credits blemish'd, their Reputation scandaliz'd, and Substance consum'd, and there is none but are with something disturb'd. There is no Calling so holy, nor Place so solitary, but you shall find there Troubles to try you, and Adversity to disquiet you. So there is no Man from the King in his Throne, to the Captive in Chains, but doth taste of
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Misery, and many Discontents. Who therefore (to free himself from worldly Sorrow, would fear, but rather desire Death, which makes us happy? For thereby we avoid the intolerable Troubles of the Earth, and enjoy perpetual Bliss in Heaven. Since then Death is the end of Misery, who would desire to live ever in Labours and Perils? Death is nothing but the severing the Soul from the Body, and freeing it from the servile Bonds of the vain Flesh, and removing us from Evil to Good. Death is but the passing from this vale of Tears, to the Place of all happy Beatitude in the Celestial Mansion, accompanied with holy Saints, and heavenly Associates: It is no losing, but a changing a bad Place for a better; which every one ought to desire.

Priamus was blest with the Kingdom of the Famous City of *Troy*, a good Wife and Fifty Children, and had what Joys might be desired; yet he saw his Wife and Children slain, his City sack'd, and himself was killed at *Jove's* Altar. How happy had he been if he had dyed before those Days: For in lieu of worldly Troubles, he had reap'd eternal Glory. Good Men should imitate the Swan, *Apollo's* Bird, which in the World ever mourneth: but when it is ready to die, as knowing the Goodness of Death, it singeth. As in sleep our Body

is free from Labour, so our Soul by Death is delivered from all Dolours. It is therefore good to die, but many doleful Days do we endure before we find that happy Hour wherein we shall enjoy all perpetual Pleasure. Wise Men should not fear Death; for nothing is better than Death; no Life can be long, and it is often by Casualty abridg'd. What more pleasing thing can there be than Death? It doth wholly unburthen us of all Care, all Grief, or Sollicitude, all Sorrow, and freeth us from all Vexation whatsoever. The dead rest in a sure Haven, and we living Sail in a raging Sea. The Good dieth not, but liveth, and the Evil living dieth, and as the Heathen Philosopher said, All those that live purely and justly, and not contaminate themselves with Sin, are either made Gods, or go easily to the Gods. The Dead have rest in Heaven, and with the Living is Pain and Trouble in this World. It is therefore a Joy to Die, to be delivered from the Thralldom of this sorrowful Life: For they have all the Pleasures that may be invented that are out of this woful World. Being here we must die, and being in Heaven, we live eternally: There is no Pain but Pleasure, no Sorrow but Solace, no sighing but singing, no fear of Death, but certainty of everlasting Life, ever enjoy-

enjoying such Inestimable Joys as no Eye hath seen, or Ear heard, or Heart comprehended. In this Life we know not what Glory meaneth, and after Death we shall not know what Pains are. God knows those that serve him, those that offend him, those that love him, those that hate him, those that praise him, those that blaspheme him, those that thank him, those that are unthankful, and is better pleased with Obedience than Sacrifice. There is nothing so good as the end of this Life ; for Death is the true Refuge, the perfect Health, the sure Haven, the full Victory, and final finishing of all terrestrial Troubles. It is a thing inheritable, an eternal sleep, a dissolution of the Body, a terror of the Rich, a desire of the Poor ; a Pilgrimage uncertain, a thief of Men, a shadow of Life, a sepulchre of the Living, a companion of the Dead, a dissolution of all : The rest of Travels, the end of idle Desire and vain Delights, the scourge of the Evil, the Reward of the Good, the final end of all Flesh. Of all those infinite numbers that are Dead, none ever returned to complain of Death ; and of those few that Live, most complain of Life. There is no King, Prince, Poor or Sick, or Whole, nor any Vocation content ; but the Dead in their Graves are in

Peace and Rest : And though we have Sorrow and Vexation of Life, yet we shall have Joy and Consolation after Death.

O happy are they that Die well ! For it is less evil to suffer a speedy Death, than to endure a discontented Life : For by Death we are freed from Mundane Travels, and enjoy Heavenly Pleasures : There is nothing in this Life worthy of love, nor any thing in Death we need to fear. As all Things before the first Day were eternal without Day or Year ; so all things shall be eternal, after the Judgment : As we had nothing before our Birth, so we shall possess nothing after our Death. What Blindness is it then to love any thing in this Life, seeing we can carry nothing with us at our Death ? *Callimachus* living in all Delight, and reading *Plato's* Book against Death, cast himself into the Sea. *Sirenio* read such Lessons to despise Death, that many of his Hearers (being Heathens) killed themselves. *Diogenes* desired to Die, but cared not for Burial. *Lansacus* dying, was demanded where he would be buried ? He answered, where they would ; for the Way to Heaven was every where. *Thezaminus* died with a worthy Mind ; for being commanded to Death by Thirty Tyrants, he took the poisoned Cup, and thirstingly drank it off ; and then laughing at them
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for so pleasuring him, said, They made him Happy by putting him to Death. With the like Mind, died the worthy *Gracchus*. So died the famous *Spartane*, and greatly rejoic'd he should be dissolv'd from the Bondage of the World. When it was told *Lucius*, his Son was slain in the Wars, he rejoycing said, To that purpose I begot him. The like Answer made the *Roman* Matron, when she heard her Sons were slain, she not sorrowing, said, I am glad I bore them to die so worthily for their Country.

Chresphontus ran to his Death, to deliver his Country: *Curtius* leap'd into the Gulf to preserve *Rome*: *Scævola* lost his Hand to save the City: *Menecus* kill'd himself to free his Native Soil: So did *Harmitus*, *Codrus*, *Aristogeiton*, *Epaminondas*, and divers others. The Temple at *Delphos*, where the Oracle of *Apollo* was, for want of Reparation fell down to the Ground: Then *Triphon* and *Agamedo*, two noble Persons of *Greece*, Wise and Rich, as well with the labour of their Persons, as great expence of their Goods, built the Temple again. When it was fully finish'd, *Apollo* said to them, He well remembred their good Services, and willed them to demand any thing in reward thereof, and it should be granted. They said, miserable Man hath not power to eschew the Evil, or chuse the Good;

Good ; and therefore they desired him to give them the best thing that might be given to Man, and most profitable for Man. *Apollo* said, they should have their Demands: then they at the Gates of the Temple fell down dead ; so the Reward of their Travels was to take them out of the Miseries of this Life.

St. Edward, King of *England*, much revered *St. John*, and one Day coming from *Westminster* from Service, a poor Man came to him, and desired him for *St. John's* sake to give him something: The King gave to him his Ring off his Finger. Within few Days after, two Pilgrims coming from *Jerusalem*, within two Miles of it, met a poor Man, who asked them, What Country-men they were? They said, English-men. He then said to them, when you come home, I pray you tell King *Edward*, That *St. John* doth thank him for the Ring he gave for his sake ; and gave them a Ring, and desired them to deliver it to the King, and tell him that *St. John* sent it him ; and the richest Gift that could be given to Man, that is the twelfth Day after the Receipt thereof, he should be in Heaven. The Pilgrims received the Ring, and departed. By and by they were so heavy, they were enforced to lie down and sleep ; when as they awaked, they

they found themselves in another Country, and demanding of a Shepherd where they were, found they were in *Kent* in *England*, then they went to the King, being *Christ-mas-Eve*, and delivered the King the Ring and the Message; which the King received, fell sick on *St. John's Day*, and died on Twelfth-day.

The *Greeks* had a Custom, that when they offer'd any Sacrifice, the Priests and Officers of the Temple were carried: For if their Feet touched the Ground, they might not offer Sacrifice. It chanced that a holy Nun of the Goddess *Juno*, going in her Chariot to the Temple, the Beasts that drew it died, when she was ten Miles from the Temple; which her two Sons *Cleobis* and *Biton* seeing, and knowing that their Mother must not go on Foot, and that there were no other Beasts to be gotten, yoked themselves, and drew the Chariot with their Mother to the Temple. Every one praised them greatly for it, and said, they deserved to be recompenced with great Rewards. After the Feast ended, their Mother desiring to requite their Kindness, with Tears besought the Goddess *Juno*, to give her Children the best Gifts the Gods could give to their Friends; which the Goddess promised she would do before the next Morning. They going to sleep at Night,

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Night, were the next Morning both found dead. Then their Mother bitterly wept and complained of the Goddeſs. The Goddeſs ſaid, ſhe had little cauſe to complain, for ſhe had given her that ſhe did demand, and I have at thy Inſtance given thy Children (quoth ſhe) that which we hold moſt dear, which is Death. For the greateſt Revenge we take of our Enemies, is to let them live long; and the beſt thing we can give to our Friends, is to make them die quickly. For all of us together taught King Midas, *Optimum eſt homini aut non omnino naſci, aut quam primum mori.* It is the beſt thing for Man, either never to be born, or die very ſoon. We are here Strangers, and incloſed as Priſoners in a Caſtle; but by Death we ſhall be freely delivered from the Thralldom, and go to our own Country. Seeing then Death is the beſt thing that can be given to Man, let us have a care to crave it, and live godly and vertuoſly, that we may joyfully have it to free us from this Place of Imprisonment, and ſeat us in our everlaſting and Heavenly Habitation: Whither Good Lord bring us all. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Queen's moſt Excellent Maſteſty.

GOD the unſpeakable Author of the World, Creator of Man, Governour of Empires, and Eſtabliſher of all Kingdoms!

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doms ! who out of the Loins of our Father *Abraham* didst chuse a King, that became the Saviour of all Kings and Nations of the Earth : Bless, we beseech thee, thy faithful Servant and our dread Sovereign Lady Queen *ANNE*, with the richest Blessings of thy Grace. Establish her in the Throne of her Kingdoms by thy mighty Aid and Protection ; visit her as Thou didst *Moses* in the Bush, *Joshua* in the Battel, *Gideon* in the Field, and *Samuel* in the Temple : Let the Dew of thine abundant Mercies fall upon her Head, and give her the Blessing of *David* and *Solomon* : be unto her an Helmet of Salvation against the Face of her Enemies, and a strong Tower of Defence in the time of Adversity : Let her Reign be Prosperous, and her Days many : Let Peace, and Love, and Holiness, let Justice and Truth, and all Christian Vertues flourish in her time ; let her People serve her with Honour and Obedience, and let her duly serve thee here on Earth, that she may hereafter everlastingly reign with thee in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Graces before Meat.

WE look unto thee, O Lord, who givest us Life and Breath, and all things ; beseeching thee to forgive us all our Sins, and to make us such thankful Partakers

takers of these thy good Creatures, that by a moderate use of them our Bodies may be refreshed, and made more fit to accompany our Souls in hearty Endeavours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Another.

Bless and sanctify, most Merciful Father these thy good Creatures for my use and me unto thy Service: Give them strength, to nourish me, and me Grace to serve thee, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Graces after Meat.

WE return thee, O Lord, our hearty Thanks for these and all other like Mercies bestowed upon us ever since we had a being; especially for the Promises thou hast given us by thy Son Christ. Enable us, we beseech thee, to continue so patiently in all Good Works, that at the last we may attain it, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Another.

Blessed be thy Holy Name, O Lord for all thy Mercies, for these thy good Creatures: make them healthful for my Nourishment, and me thankful to live to thy Praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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